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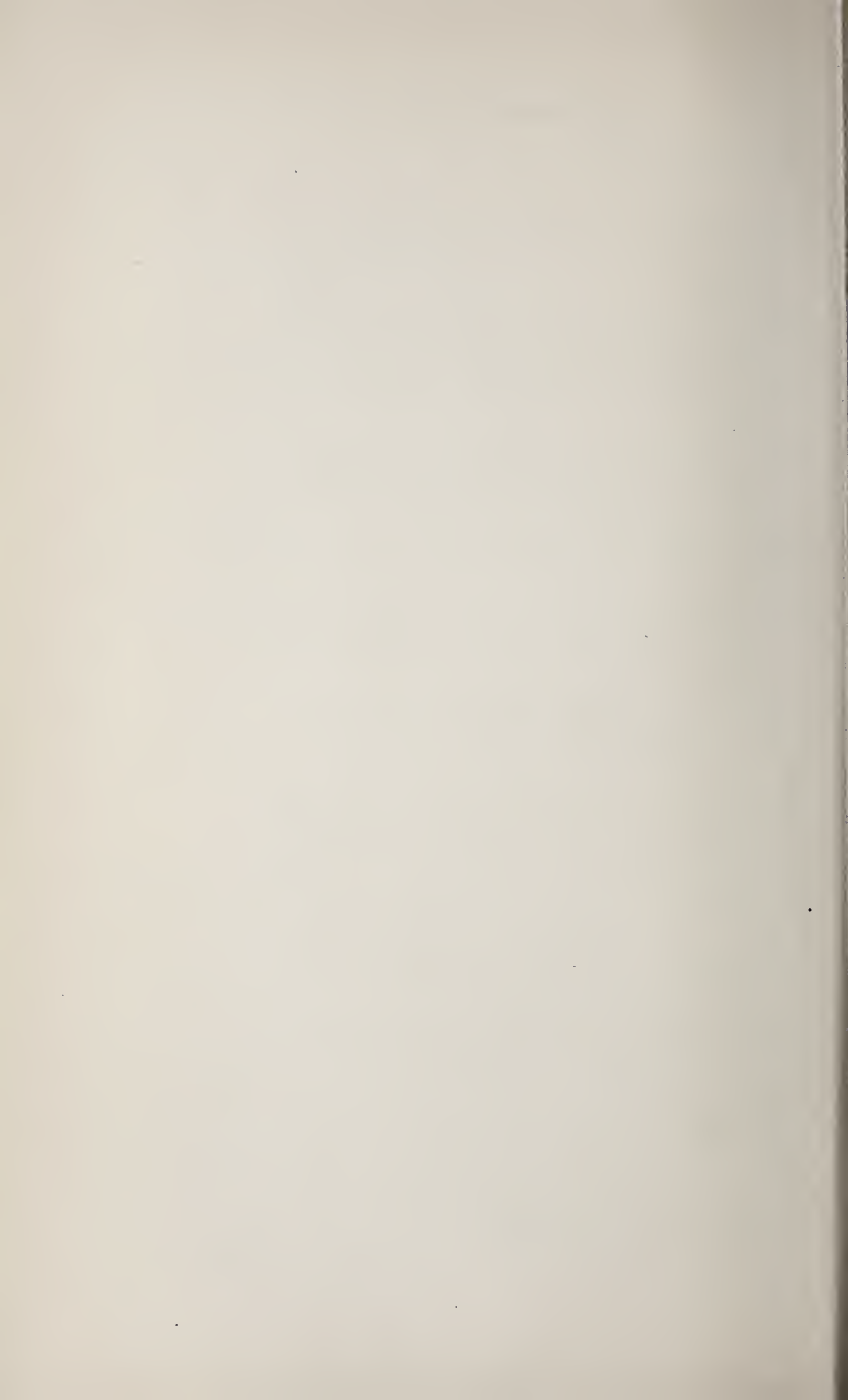
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## PREFACE

In August, 1928, at the Toronto National Exhibition, Mr. Rolph R. Corson, of Toronto, Ont., who had an exhibit in the MANUFACTURER'S BUILDING, addressed the inquiry to me: "From what branch of the Corson family are you descended?" In reply I had to admit that my knowledge of my family's history consisted in having a recollection that I had been told that my great grandfather had come to Ohio from Pennsylvania, and that we were of French Huguenot descent. Rolph R. Corson's apparent knowledge of his family's history, I must confess, made me feel rather embarrassed. I decided, in order not to be caught in the same predicament again, to investigate as soon as possible, the history of my family, I wondered why I had never taken the trouble to look into this matter; why I had not asked my grandfather before his death, to tell me about his father and his grandfather, and possibly his great grandfather. I remembered that he enjoyed telling of these things, but as children we were too little interested to listen.

After my arrival home I visited my second cousin, Mrs. Elizabeth Corson Hatfield, whom my father said had, some years before, been interested in family genealogy. After relating my experiences to her and telling her of my ambition to learn something concerning our ancestors, she took me into her library and showed me two old family Bibles, one that had formerly belonged to my great grandfather and the other to my great great grandfather; also a volume entitled: "The Corson Family," by Dr. Hiram Corson of Plymouth Meeting, Pa. Mrs. Hatfield, about twenty-five years before, had been interested in family genealogy and in addition to the Bibles and family history had preserved many letters and other records that she had gathered. All these family relics and records she very kindly presented to me, with the hope that I would take up the search where she had left it. I was elated; here was a record of my family as far back as my great great grandfather, Daniel Corson, and of his wife's family for two more generations.

Although the old Bibles furnished a record of marriages, births and deaths, no light was thrown on where the family had lived before coming to Ohio, or how it was related to the Corson families of Bucks County, Pa., from whom it seemed evident that we were descended. After an extensive correspondence, covering a period



of about eight months, the secret was uncovered and a complete line of descent that seemed to have been accepted by historians and genealogists generally was secured. This line of descent had been accepted by the INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN GENEALOGY, Chicago, Ill., and the HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF AMERICA, who had issued a certificate making all the descendants of the progenitor eligible to their society. This accepted descent made one, Peter Coursen, a supposed French Huguenot refugee, the progenitor of the family, and completely upset the formerly accepted story that Capt. Cornelis Corssen of Staten Island was the progenitor. It had been accepted that Capt. Cornelis Corssen had landed on Staten Island, about 1685, from a vessel, that, because of storms, had been driven from its course, on its way from France to North Carolina.

Dr. Hiram Corson, in his Corson history published about 1896, had set forth that Capt. Cornelis Corssen of Staten Island, was the progenitor. During my investigations, I had secured another history of our family, "THE COURSEN (CORSON) FAMILY," by Percival G. Ullman, who had advanced the claim that Peter Coursen, a French Huguenot refugee, was the progenitor. By this time, I had secured evidence, based on legitimate records, that Capt. Cornelis Corssen was the son of one, Cors Pietersen (usually referred to as Cornelis Pietersen), and, also, indisputable evidence of the descent in each generation in my particular line from Capt. Cornelis Corssen.

My job seemed finished, but a certain indefiniteness about some things seemed to urge me on. The supposition that the family was of French Huguenot origin had become traditional among the Staten Island-Pennsylvania Corsons everywhere. But although many historians and genealogists said the family was of French origin, not one was found that offered any proof. The story about Peter Coursen, the French Huguenot progenitor, and his children, one of whom was Cornelis Petersen, was contrary to the most common historical facts. Peter Coursen was said to have arrived in New Amsterdam, in 1612, one year after the first colonization in 1611. Historians generally agree that the first colonization of New Amsterdam occurred in 1623-4. Marriages were stated to have taken place at a time, when, as far as the records show, there was not a woman in the land, or in fact, at a time when there was no one there qualified to perform marriages.

There was absolutely nothing in the records to substantiate the fact that the supposed Peter Coursen ever existed. The records did establish beyond any question, that Cors (not Cornelis) Peter-

sen was the progenitor of our branch of the Corsons in America, and that he emigrated to New Amsterdam from Langerlaer, Holland. These same records, in my opinion, disproved any possibility that Cors Pietersen could have been a Huguenot. He was no doubt of pure Dutch ancestry.

How did these erroneous impressions of our family's origin gain such a foothold? Who was responsible for them? My conclusions are that, Weiss, who, in his "History of the French Protestant Refugees," Vol. 2, pp. 317-318, named the Corssen families of early Staten Island with the French Huguenot families, and Stapleton, who, in his "Memorials of the French Huguenots," p. 29, stated that the family was descended from the De Coursons of France, are mainly responsible for the widespread tradition about French ancestry.

It also seems that Dr. Hiram Corson and Percival G. Ullman, in their histories of the family, sought to prove the traditional belief was correct rather than question it. It was to correct the many erroneous statements about this matter that this work was undertaken. We will endeavor to publish the facts concerning the early history of the family as they are found in the civil, military and ecclesiastical archives of our country, not with the intention of reflecting on what others have done, but with the hope that the family of today and the generations to come will appreciate a statement of facts notwithstanding that they may upset cherished and fostered traditions. If this volume should prove to your satisfaction that the Staten Island-Pennsylvania Corsons are descended from the sturdy Dutch pioneers of New Netherland we do not believe it is any comedown from the traditional beliefs.

The compiler in the preparation of this work, in order to make the volume as comprehensible as possible, has listed the descendants of Cors Pietersen, that were compiled by Dr. Hiram Corson and Mr. Percival G. Ullman, making corrections where it was apparent that errors had occurred, and adding to and bringing up to date as many of the various lines as possible. In order to secure the data to make this possible, over 300 circular letters and questionnaires were mailed to Corson families, in Philadelphia and the vicinity. In this territory many of the Corson families were descended from the South Jersey or Cape May branch of the family, and because of the great interest shown by these families, the compiler decided to include a history of their group. It was found that the descendants of this group were probably more numerous than the Staten Island-Pennsylvania families, and that no comprehensive history of this group had been published.



It was very obvious that a history entitled: *THREE HUNDRED YEARS WITH THE CORSON FAMILIES IN AMERICA*, would not be complete unless a history of this group was included. A first draft of the history of the Staten Island-Pennsylvania families had been completed when this work was started. It was soon evident that it was going to be a difficult undertaking; the New Jersey records were not nearly as complete as the New Netherland records; the early Cape May Corsons were Quakers and the birth or baptismal records found in the record of their meetings were few compared to those found in the Dutch Reformed Church records. The New Jersey wills were published only up to 1770 and it was very necessary that abstracts of all the Corson wills be secured. With the assistance of those interested this was done. Photostatic copies of several family trees of the male descendants of the immigrants, John and Peter Corson, of South Jersey were obtained, but it was soon evident that the compilers of these charts, even 40 or 50 years previously, had been handicapped by the same lack of authentic records, as a comparison of the lineage as given on these trees with the few authentic records that had by this time been secured, showed many impossible situations. Through the medium of the circular letters and questionnaires, names and addresses of others, who were interested in the history of the South Jersey Corson families' genealogy, were obtained, and many hundreds of personal and circular letters were mailed to all parts of the country. Many replied and furnished the record of their line as far as possible. From those interested there were secured Bible records, also census records of the Corsons listed in the 1850, 1870, and 1885 census of Cape May County, and about three hundred marriage records, family traditions, copies of old letters and tombstone records.

One of the most interesting relics obtained was an old manuscript history of the early generations, that was sent to the compiler from The Dalles, Oregon. It consisted of about ten pages and was said to have been compiled by John M. Corson, who died in 1874. It recorded the children in many of the early families and many of the intermarriages, that occurred between the members of the Corson families, as far as the sixth generation. The compiler found it very accurate and has depended on this old manuscript to correct many of the errors that occurred in the family trees.

In June, 1931, the compiler and his mother attended the annual meeting of the Corson Association of Philadelphia and vicinity, and accompanied by my cousin, Mabel Corson, a trip was made



to Cape May Court House, N. J., where abstracts of many old wills and conveyance records were made. The next day, Trenton, N. J., was visited and additional wills and old deeds were examined and abstracted. Since that time many trips have been made to Cape May and Trenton, N. J., to examine records and secure data, by those who have assisted in this work. From the information obtained from all these various sources, the compiler has reconstructed the lineage of the Cape May or South Jersey group of Corson families, and by checking these various records against each other has tried to eliminate as many errors as possible. The lineage of this group has been recorded by generations instead of continuing one line or branch as was done in the history of the Staten Island families. This plan was thought to be more advisable because the lineage of so many different lines was worked out that it seemed it would be easier to trace any particular line by this method than by trying to continue one line through the different generations and then to go back and continue with another line. The many branches to these lines would make this latter plan very confusing.

By the system of indexing with numerals, identical to the system used in indexing the Staten Island-Pennsylvania group, it is very easy to trace any particular line from one generation to another, either going from the early generations to the later or vice versa. An explanation of this system of indexing will probably be in order. The eldest child of the progenitor is given number (1), the second child in order of birth is number (2), and so on. The eldest child of number (1) is indexed (11), the next eldest child is indexed (12), and likewise for each child in the order of birth. The eldest child of the second child of the progenitor (2) would be indexed (21), the next child would be given the number (22) and so on with each child, in the order of his birth. The relationship of two individuals is easily determined, as brothers and sisters have the same index number except the last digit to the right, which always indicates the order of birth, either in fact if dates are given or by assumption if dates of birth were missing. Thus the index numbers of first cousins will be identical except the last two digits at the right and so on.

In many cases the dates of birth were not available and the compiler had to use his judgment as to the order of birth, and of course he probably erred in many of these instances. Every effort was made to list the children in the order of their birth, but if the dates of birth are not given, it is certain they were not available when the work was compiled and the order of birth has been

approximated from other available records such as the order of the names in wills, or from marriage records, dates of birth of descendants, etc. In a few instances dates of birth were found after the work was compiled and they were added before publication without altering the order of birth, because of the great amount of work involved in rearranging the index numbers.

A large amount of data was gathered by correspondence, which necessitated the assistance of others, who in many ways aided in the compilation of these records. We wish to take this opportunity to express sincere thanks and gratitude to all who have so willingly given of their knowledge and time, especially to mention the following, who assisted in the compilation of the history of the Staten Island-Pennsylvania group:

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# I

## HISTORY OF GENEALOGY, ITS OBJECT AND VALUE

GENEALOGICAL HISTORY IN AMERICA.—“An outline of genealogical history in this country may be found in the preface of the *Abridged Compendium of American Genealogy*, by Frederick A. Virkus, Chicago, 1925. It states that the first American family genealogy was printed in Hartford, Conn. Its title is *Genealogy of the Family of Mr. Samuel Stebbins and his Wife, from the year 1707 to the year 1771*. In 1829 the first collected work in genealogy in America was published. It was *Farmer's Genealogical Register of the First Settlers of New England*. The *Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England* by James Savage was published in four volumes, 1860-1864. It required two decades for its compilation, and is still regarded as the authority on early New England genealogy. Virkus designates Savage as the father of American genealogy. He credits three patriotic societies in keeping aflame the patriotic spirit which is the soul of American genealogy, viz.: The Society of the Cincinnati organized in 1783; the society of the War of 1812, in 1814; and the Aztec Club in 1847. The next movement to preserve in systematic form the genealogical and historical records of the nation involved the organization of the New England Historical and Genealogical Society in 1844, and the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society in 1869. A new era in genealogy began with the founding in California of the General Society of the Sons of the Revolution instituted in 1876 and incorporated in 1883. Before the close of the century a number of similar patriotic and hereditary societies were instituted. Virkus gives a list of them, with a statement of their objects and their respective qualifications for membership. He also makes the following statement in regard to the publication of individual family genealogies: ‘About the beginning of the second genealogical epoch, private research resulted in a marked increase in the number of individual family genealogies published annually. From 1771, when the Stebbins family genealogy was issued, until 1900, a period of 129 years, there were only about 2,500 printed genealogies. As there are now (1925) approximately 6,000 listed volumes on the subject it will be seen

that during the past quarter of a century more than 3,500 volumes were produced, the books appearing at the average rate of 140 volumes per year. . . . Though only a few years ago genealogy was regarded as a 'fad,' and its study deprecated as an egregious display of vanity, it is today placed upon the dignified plane of an exact science by those who appreciate the importance of the subject.' " (Henry S. Jacoby in the Jacoby Family History.)

OBJECTS OF AMERICAN GENEALOGY.—"The obvious trend of American genealogy, nowadays, is not toward the proving of descent from some noble family or individual (although, where that happens, it is not despised), but toward the proving that the general average of the generations preceding have been God-fearing, self-respecting, actively working, successful men and women, from whom—by virtue of these qualities—it is an honor to have descended. Therefore, let each family genealogy be undertaken in a spirit of simple, earnest loyalty to ancestors, who, in whatever station of life they were placed, have by their lives and example merited the respect of their fellows in their day and generation."—Handbook of Practical Suggestions for the Use of Students in Genealogy, by Henry R. Stiles, M.D., Albany, 1899.

"Genealogy is not the pastime of the dilettante. It is not simply a gateway into the patriotic societies. It is not a means to position in the world. It is the science which leads us to our ancestors. We should feel ignorant indeed if we did not know the history of our country. How much more ignorant are we if we do not know the more intimate history of our family. Its importance has been neglected for too long a time."—Janetta Wright Schoonover in the Brinton Genealogy, 1925.

VALUE OF GENEALOGICAL STUDY.—"The subject of genealogy or family history is one of great and growing interest to a large portion of our citizens, and without going into a lengthy argument in favor of its utility, it is sufficient to say that it meets a desire of the human heart to know from whence we have sprung, and the relation we bear to our fellow mortals. . . . It has been said that 'no virtuously disposed mind can look upon a long line of truly venerable ancestors without feeling his motive to a virtuous life strengthened. He can scarcely help feeling that it is not for him to be the first to bring disgrace upon his lineage. It will, moreover, lead him to reflect that his posterity will also be looking back and comparing his life with that of his progenitors.' "—Circular on the Kirk Family Genealogy.



"The solace of all genealogical investigations is the infallible discovery that the greatest among us began in a small way."—Price Collier. "Our present-day individualism, with its light disdain for family ties and claims is a prodigious blunder."—William T. Ellis, a noted journalist. "He had a lively curiosity as to his forbears, and was pleased when he unearthed anything that threw light on their doings and sayings. The study of one's ancestry was, he thought, a pursuit worth any man's while. The man might, to be sure, run across some disagreeable episodes. In that case it has permitted him to make amends for it by a stricter ordering of his own life."—From John Heyl Vincent. A biographical sketch by Leon H. Vincent, 1925, p. 3, "Knowledge of kindred and the genealogies of the ancient families deserveth the highest praise. Herein consisteth the knowledge of a man's own self. It is a great spur to virtues to look back on the worth of our line."—Lord Bacon. "There is no heroic poem in the world but is at the bottom the life of a man."—Sir Walter Scott.

"No people," says Horatio Seymour, "can rise to a degree of virtue or patriotism, who do not know about or care for the achievements of their fathers." Emerson says: "Every man is a bundle of his ancestors." Old Thucydides many hundreds of years ago rebuked justly this spirit (to ignore or speak contemptuously of his ancestry) when he remarked: "Justice and decency require that we should bestow on our fathers an honorable remembrance." It was the ambition of old Homer, the Grecian poet: "Ever to bear myself like a brave man and labor to excel, and never bring dishonor on the stock from which I sprung."—Quoted by Delmar R. Lowell in the *Historic Genealogy of the Lowells of America*, 1899.

GENEALOGICAL WORK.—"The desire of an individual to trace his or her ancestry and to perpetuate, in print, the salient facts in the lives of these same ancestors, is commendable to the last degree. . . . The 1907 Ogden Family Genealogy says: 'There is something peculiarly gratifying to the average American citizen to be able to trace his lineage to the primal days of colonial life and especially to a worthy, virtuous and honored ancestor . . . the undying satisfaction in the knowledge that one is heir to strong and ancestral character; in the fact of being able to point back to him who first came to the New World. . . . There is much fascination in the tracing back of ancestral lives, in spite of the many discouragements and the tediousness of the work.' The realization that our ancestors were patriotic citizens, who fought

for the independence of this great American Republic, should be a strong incentive for the descendants to emulate such sterling deeds.”—Preface of *Chronology and Ancestry of Chancey M. Depew*, by William A. Eardeley, 1916.

“The genealogist cannot long remain a mere compiler of family statistics. In following back the currents which have united in his own life, he finds himself traveling from one town to another of Colonial America, and he is brought into vital or accidental relation with many important events of American History. Dotted through the desert of history he finds cases where his own people encamped, where they did great deeds or at least saw great deeds performed, and lent the influence of their presence. ‘Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims’ pride,’ means something for the man who is acquainted with his ancestors which it never can mean for the man who does not know his own grandparents, but has a vague idea that he is an American.”—In foreword of a Chapter of *Hopkins Genealogy*, by Ella W. Harrison, 1905.

RESPECT FOR ANCESTORS AND PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT.—Daniel Webster said that “there is a moral and philosophical respect for our ancestors which elevates the character and improves the heart. Next to the sense of religious duty and moral feeling, I hardly know what should bear with stronger obligation on a liberal and enlightened mind, than a consciousness of an alliance with excellence which is departed; and a consciousness too, that in its acts and conduct, and even in the sentiments and thoughts, it may be actively operating on the happiness of those that come after it.” . . . Lord Bacon said that “those who derive their worth from their ancestors resemble potatoes, the most valuable part of which is underground.” That was said in England. But “it is one of the excellences of American institutions—that the mantle of no man’s nobility or distinction descends to his posterity”—and we believe that “those alone should be distinguished who distinguish themselves.” Men and women of high order, of talent or person, come by no accident. We must recognize the fact that the potato is not perfected unless the vine is healthy; tubers and tops are absolutely part of, and necessary to each other.—From *Family Records: Their Importance and Value*, by Dr. William Frederic Holcombe, 1877. Read Feb. 21, 1877, before the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society.

A GENEALOGIST’S DISCOVERIES IN PSYCHOLOGY.—“This work was not undertaken as a money-making scheme, but purely as a labor of love and in order to preserve the family records for the



benefit of future generations. It was expected, however, that the project would have the cordial support of everyone who bore the name of Houghton, thinking that if they were not as heartily interested as the writer, they would be glad to furnish what information of their family and friends they could, and so preserve their names, and deeds and memories, and would moreover be thankful for the gratuitous work undertaken. Then the months of waiting for answers to letters; the effort to find some missing link in the chain; how to find a family whose residence is not known; or to settle conflicting records when different dates are given for the same event; has been a serious task on a badly overworked nervous system. The work has been a great source of enjoyment and satisfaction with the results attained. Few things bring greater pleasure than after long and apparent hopeless search, one is able at last to establish a complete line of descent from the original emigrant down to the present time. It is something like finding a mine or making a discovery. It has been a source of surprise and regret that a few who appeared greatly interested at the outset, furnishing records and biographical and autobiographical sketches, apparently lost all interest after they had been furnished with the result. Such a work cannot be published without great sacrifice on the part of some person, but it was hoped and expected that many more than have done so would be glad to contribute at least the price of a book; which is not only a private but a public benefit, and will be increasingly valuable as the years go on.

“A genealogical writer many years ago wrote that ‘in the great struggle of life there is little room for sentiment: but wherein is a man above the beasts that perish if he has no sacred family instincts; no veneration or regard for kindred ancestors, no pride at the recital of noble deeds; no love for ancestral home and blood, those ties that connect him with the generations of the past; no holy memories; no tender thought of the fathers whose name he bears and whose blood courses in his veins?’ Esau was accursed for selling his birthright for a mess of pottage; we have inherited a good name from a long line of noble ancestors; let us not despise our birthright by indifference and cool neglect; for ‘a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches,’ and the lineage of a man is of more importance than the pedigree of a horse. My great satisfaction is in the fact that I have in some measure aided in saving a large amount of family history from certain destruction in a few years, which in its present form will be preserved for many generations to come.”—Preface of the Houghton Genealogy, by John W. Houghton, M.D., 1912.

## II

# THE ORIGIN OF THE CORSON FAMILIES IN AMERICA

The Corsons in America can be divided into at least three main families or groups. While the origin of each of these three individual groups seems to be entirely separate and distinct from the origin of the others, the name Corson in each instance was originated in a similar manner. The name was created in each case by the children of the progenitor being named according to a peculiar patronymic system in vogue with the early Dutch, Scandinavians, and other Germanic settlers of New Netherland. In neither instance was it a family name, that has been used by previous generations, either in this or other countries. In fact at this time, when this patronymic system was at its height, among the Dutch and Scandinavian people, there were few family names, the last or patronymic name changing with each generation. By this system the last or patronymic name of a child's name was formed by adding the genitive ending "sen," "se" or "s" to the Christian or baptismal name of the father, and signified the child as being a son or daughter of the father, who was designated by his Christian or baptismal name.

Thus the name Corson, as used by each of the three distinct families or groups was created or used by the children of the progenitor, whose Christian name was Cors or some variant form of Cors, as Corsten or Carsten, sometimes spelled Kors or Karsten, names used by the Scandinavian and Dutch settlers of New Netherland and in Holland to this day. Thus the names of the children of the progenitor of two families appear in the Dutch records of New Netherland as Corssen or Corsen, sometimes spelled Corszen or contracted into Corsz. In the third group the name "Corson" was corrupted from Carstensen. After the English assumed control of New Netherland, in 1664, the English custom prevailed and the names became permanent. A more detailed explanation of this patronymic system will be found in the following chapters, in which the origin of the name in the various groups is described.

As the progenitor of each of these distinct groups was a different person, who seems in each case not to have been related to



either of the others, it follows that the members of each individual group are not related to each other. These groups are known or designated as the South Jersey or Cape May County, New Jersey, families; the Sussex County, New Jersey, families; and the Staten Island-Pennsylvania families. While this work is devoted chiefly to the Staten Island-Pennsylvania and South Jersey families, the writer will endeavor to give a brief account of the origin and early history of other groups and the lineage of a few of their descendants.

### III

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, CORSON FAMILY

The progenitor of the Sussex County group was one, Jan Corszen, who according to his marriage record came to New Amsterdam, from Recife, Brazil, in South America. Recife was a colonial possession of Holland, from 1630 until 1654. This marriage is recorded on page 188 of the original marriage records of the Dutch Reformed Church of New Amsterdam. This record follows: -

"25 Oct. 1673. Jan Corszen j.m. (young man not before married) Van Recife in Braziel en (and) Metje Theunis j.d. (young woman not before married) Van N. Orangien."

According to the Dutch patronymic system of that period, it is clear that the baptismal name of the father of Jan Corszen was Cors, also spelled Kors, because it is known that the son Jan's last name "Corszen" is not a family name but merely a description, by which he is designated as a son of Cors (Cors-zen). The possessive ending "sen" sometimes was spelled "zen" or "szen" or abbreviated into "sz," "se," or "s."

Rev. E. B. Woodruff, in his history, "THE COURSENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY," endeavored to find the baptismal record of Jan Corszen, in the baptismal records of Recife, Brazil, and lists the father of Jan Corszen as Christiaen Jansz, who baptized a son, Johannes, on Aug. 1, 1649. The writer cannot agree with Rev. Woodruff, as the son, Johannes, of Christiaen Jansz, under the Dutch patronymic system would much more likely have been known as Johannes Christiaensen than Jan Corszen. Mr. A. J. F. van Laer, Archivist, of the University of the State of New York, who has a scholarly familiarity of the early Dutch records, was asked to give his opinion on this matter and his reply follows:

"In reply to your letter of March 6th, I wish to say that the baptismal record of August 1, 1649, of Recife, Brazil, in *ALGEMEEN NEDERLANDSCH FAMILIEBLAD*, vol. 6, p. 26, reads as follows:

'(1649) Aug. 1. Johannes. Ouders: Christiaen Janss en Janneken Christiaens; get: adriaen Post, Ype Ypesen, Rudelphina Carens.'

"*Ouders* means Parents; *en* means and; *get.* stands for Getuigen, witnesses."

"The Rev. Woodruff assumes, therefore, a good deal in calling the child Jan Corszen."



The Rev. Woodruff seems to have been under the same false impression, that many genealogists and historians have been, in not realizing that the name Cors is a name in itself, and in assuming that it is only a short form for some other name. The writer in the next chapter gives conclusive proof that Cors as the baptismal name of Cors Pietersen was a name in itself and not an abbreviation, and has no doubt, but that the same is true in this instance. That Cors or Kors was used as a baptismal name in this family is shown conclusively by the baptismal record of the second child and first son of Jan Corszen, who was named Kors, no doubt after the child's grandfather. The writer has been informed by Mr. Simka Zijlstra, of Rotterdam, who has very kindly assisted in securing a genealogist to attempt to trace the family of Cors Pietersen in Holland, that Cors is used to this day as a Christian name in Holland, and while Cor. or Corn. are used as abbreviations of the name Cornelis, the word Cors is a name by itself and is never used as a short form of Cornelis.

Jan Corszen at the time of his marriage seems to have been in the employ of the Dutch authorities, as he is recorded as steward for the Burgomaster, in which capacity he issued the provisions for the garrison. Rev. Woodruff says: "His home at this time was in the part of Beaver Street between William and Broadway, once called Smith Street Lane." Metje Theunis, the wife of Jan Corszen, was the daughter of Theunis Craey, also spelled Cray or Kray. She was baptized in the Dutch Reformed Church of New Amsterdam on June 12, 1660. Her name Metje (Mathilde) Theunis is the typical Dutch form and designates her as Theunis' Metje. Her name also appears in the records as Metje Cray or Metje Theunis Cray.

Jan Corszen and Metje Theunis Cray had nine children, baptized in the Dutch Reformed Church of New Amsterdam, as follows:

CHILD	DATE	WITNESSES
MARGRIETIE	July 15, 1674	Theunis Cray and Geertie Theunis.
KORS	May 10, 1676	Jan de Vries and Tryntje Van Campen.
TRYNTJE	Jan. 9, 1678	Hendrick Jilleszen and Marratie Van Hoboken.
THEUNIS	Apr. 14, 1680	Jan Vincent and Geertie Theunis.
GEERTRUYD	Aug. 12, 1682	Hendrick Kermer and Gertie Hendrix.
JANNEKEN	1687	Johannes Kip and Helena Van Brug.
JACOBUS	Apr. 6, 1690	Theunis de Key and Catherina der Val.
BENJAMIN	Sept. 2, 1692	De Hr. Gouverneur Benjamin Fletser, en Syn Huys vr. (and his wife).

ELIZABETH    July 14, 1695    Johannes Hardenbroeck and Margarete  
Meynders h.v. (wife) of Colonel  
Lodowe.

There can be no doubt but that Benjamin was named in honor of Governor Benjamin Fletcher, as the Governor and his wife were the witnesses at the baptismal ceremony. (See N. Y. Gen. & Biog. Soc. Collections for the record of baptisms.)

Jan Corszen's name appears quite often in the records of this time. In 1695, in the record of the sale of his home on the west side of the Sheep Pasture, for a valuable sum of money, he is described as "marriner."

MARGRIETIE CORSEN, the eldest daughter of Jan Corszen and Metje Cray, married prior to 1696, Joseph Smith. They baptized the following children in the Dutch Reformed Church of New Amsterdam:

CHILD	DATE	WITNESSES
JOHANNES	Mar. 1, 1696	Benjamin Narriet, Metje Cray, h.v. (wife) Jan Corszen.
BENJAMIN	Apr. 10, 1700	Evert Masjel, Anna Millers.
MATHEUS	Feb. 15, 1702	Theunis Corsi (Corsen), Cornelia Van Clyf h.v. Benjamin Narred.
MARGRIETIE	June 10, 1704	Johannes Jansen, Anna Louerse s.h.v.
JACOBUS	Sept. 1, 1706	Jan Narbury, Sara Hardenbroek.
ELIZABETH	Feb. 3, 1712	Johan Hardenbroek, Cath. Hardenbroek, j. docht.
JOHANNES } MARYTJE } Twins	May 2, 1714	Cornelius Kierstede, Marretje Van du Sprigel. Martinus Criger, Elizabeth Kierstede.

TRYNTJE (CATHERINA) CORSEN, the third child of Jan Corszen and Metje Cray, married Johan Routier Jan. 3, 1702. This marriage record appears in the Dutch Reformed Church of New Amsterdam as follows:

A<sup>o</sup>1701-2 den 3 Jan. Johan Routier en Catherinea Corssen.

Johan Routier and Catherina Corssen had a son Johannes, whose baptismal record in the Dutch Reformed Church of New Amsterdam follows:

Oct. 5, 1701-2	Jan Retier	Johannes	William Provost
	Catherina Korse		Margreata Smith

GEERTRUYD CORSEN, the fifth child of Jan Corszen and Metje Cray, married, first, prior to 1705, Christoffel Christiäense, and according to the records of the Dutch Reformed Church of New Amsterdam baptized a child Maria.



Aug. 30, 1705	Christoffel Christiaense	Maria	Johannes Hardenbroek
	Geertruy Korse		Margreta Smith

From the records of the Dutch Church of New Amsterdam we know that Christoffel Christiaense died and Geertruyd Corsen married, second, Burger Manus, prior to 1708, as three baptismal records of their children in the Dutch Church are as follows:

Jan. 28, 1708	Burger Manus	Manus	Johannes Burger
	Geertruy Korse		Margreta Smith
June 5, 1709	Burger Manus	Jan	Burger Davids
	Geertruy Korse		Margreta Smith
Feb. 4, 1710	Burger Manus	Metje	Burger Sepkeus
	Geertruy Korse		Dorathe Grienham

JACOBUS (JAMES) CORSEN, the seventh child of Jan Corszen and Metje Cray, married Adriaentje Koevert. Jacobus and his family resided for a time in the now Hillsborough Township, Somerset County, N. J., on land that was part of the original grant of 1,904 acres to Captain Cornelis Corssen and others of Staten Island. Captain Cornelis Corssen, the eldest son of Cors Pieterszen and Tryntje Hendricks, and his descendants constitute the Staten Island group of Corsons in America. Jacobus Corsen and Adriaentje Kovert baptized six children. In the Dutch Reformed Church of the River and Lawrence Brook and in the Church at Six Mile Run, near New Brunswick, they baptized five of them as follows:

JOHANNES CORSEN, bapt. Apr. 3, 1717;  
 JANNIKE CORSEN, bapt. Mar. 27, 1720;  
 METJE CORSEN, bapt. Mar. 11, 1722;  
 MARGREITJE CORSEN, bapt. Dec. 20, 1724;  
 TUNIS CORSEN, bapt. July 23, 1727.

In the Dutch Church of Readington, Hunterdon County, N. J., the baptismal record of the youngest child appeared as follows:

GEERTRUY CORSEN, bapt. June 11, 1732, witness was Elizabeth ———.

Jacobus Corsen died between Mar. 12, 1756, the date he made his will, and Aug. 20, 1756, the date it was proved. In this will he was referred to as "turner" and his residence was given as Reading Township, Hunterdon County, N. J. He mentioned his wife, Adriantje; children: John; Margeret Smock; Geetry Cole; Yannette; Matte Coursen; Tunis Coursen; and granddaughter, Ida, daughter of Yannettje by David Kinney. Executors: Sons-in-law, Jacobus Smock and Benjamin Cole. Witnesses: John Reading, Abraham Sutphen, and John Aller. The executors re-

fused to serve and John Corson of Rocksbury Township, Morris County, N. J., was named as administrator with Daniel McKinney of Readington, Hunterdon County, as fellow-bondsman.

1756, July 3. Inventory of estate. Real House and Lot, £18. Personal Estate, £28.40; Dutch Book £2.6. Made by Abraham Sutphen and John Aller.

BENJAMIN CORSEN, the eighth child of Jan Corszen and Metje Cray, married, Mar. 20, 1718, Jannetje Rejera. (N. Y. Gen. & Biog. Society Col. V. 1, p. 128.)

## DESCENDANTS OF JACOBUS CORSEN AND ADRIAENTJE KOEVERT

THEUNIS CORSEN, the fifth child of Jacobus Corsen and Adriaentje Koevert, married Hannah ———. They baptized three daughters in the Readington Reformed Dutch Church as follows:

MALLY and METJE CORSEN (twins), bapt. Aug. 10, 1755;  
MARAGRIET CORSEN, bapt. Aug. 27, 1758.

JOHANNES CORSSSEN, the eldest child of Jacobus Corsen and Adriaentje Koevert, married, first, Geertruyd Van Tuyle. He married, second, Charity ———. In 1756, when he was made administrator of his father's estate, he seems to have lived in Rockaway Township, Morris County. "In 1763, Joseph Hull sold to John Courson 800 acres of land near the present village of Fredon," Sussex County, N. J. (Hist. of Sussex Co., quoted in The Gustine Compendium, p. 226.) Johannes Corssen and Geertruyd Van Tuyle had nine sons as follows:

JACOB CORSEN, bapt. Aug. 14, 1743, in Readington Reformed Dutch Church, Hunterdon County;  
ISAAC CORSEN, bapt. June 23, 1745, in the same Church;  
BENJAMIN CORSEN;  
JOHN CORSEN, born Sept. 7, 1753;  
PETER CORSEN, moved to Northumberland County, Pa.;  
ABRAHAM CORSEN, died 1814;  
WILLIAM CORSEN;  
VAN TUYLE CORSEN, born 1756, died 1829, married July 16, 1786, Sarah Johnson;  
RICHARD CORSEN, married Dec. 30, 1790, Rachel Hardin.

Johannes Corssen died prior to Feb. 27, 1770, when his will was proved. An abstract of this will follows:



1769, Jan. 7. Corssen, John, of Hardwick Township, Sussex County, yeoman; will of. Wife to have use of real and personal property and after her death to be divided among my children, Peter, Abraham, William, Van Tuyle, and Richard, when they are 21. Son, Jacob, 40 acres where his new house is; Son, Isaac, 5 shillings; Sons, Benjamin and John, rest of land. Executors: friends, Moses Ayres, Esq., and Samuel Dildine. Witnesses: Ephraim Darby, Joseph Reeder, and Rachel Reeder. Proved Feb. 27, 1770.

1770, Feb. 24. Inventory, £52.19.6. made by Daniel Harker and Michael Ayres. £773, Sept. 17. Account by Executors. Lib. 14, p. 540. Lib. 15, p. 36. (New Jersey Archives, V. 33, p. 91.)

JACOB CORSEN, son of Johannes Corssen and Geertruyde Van Tuyle, married Mary Nixon (1742-1828). They had children:

ALLEN CORSON (1772-1816), married Charity Cummins;

WILLIAM NIXON CORSON;

JACOB ALLEN CORSON of Branchville, N. J. (The Coursens of Sussex Co., N. J., by Rev. E. B. Woodruff.)

Rev. Woodruff tells nothing further of this line.

JOHN CORSEN or COURSEN, son of Johannes Corssen and Gertruyde Van Tuyle, married, 1779, Phoebe Gable (1760-1819). According to a History of Sussex County, N. J., printed about 1881 and quoted in The Gustine Compendium, but whose author was not named, John Corsen's brother, Benjamin Corsen, inherited the 800 acres of land, near the village of Fredon, that his father, Johannes or John Corssen, bought of Joseph Hull in 1763. Benjamin Corsen or Coursen, the history relates, "sold it (800 acres) to his brother, Col. John Coursen, in 1778."

John and Phoebe (Gable) Coursen had children:

1. ENOS COURSEN (1780-1819), married Mary Green;
2. ABRAHAM COURSEN (1784-1843), married Mehitable Marsh;
3. ANN COURSEN (1787-1872), married Abraham Bunting;
4. ISAAC VANTILE COURSEN (1794-1855), married Phoebe Hurd;
5. GERSHORN COURSEN (1795-1821);
6. SARAH COURSEN (1797-1852), married Richard Stillwell. (Woodruff's History.)

Another child,

7. ELISHA COURSEN was named in the aforesaid History of Sussex County.

See Rev. E. B. Woodruff's THE COURSENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY, N. J., for a further record of the descendants of Colonel John and Phoebe (Gable) Coursen.

PETER CORSEN, the son of Johannes Corssen and Geertruyde Van Tuyle, moved to what is now Lycoming County, Pa., about 1785. Lycoming County at that time was part of Northumberland County. Peter Corsen is said to have been a great hunter and went to Pennsylvania to hunt. He liked the country and removed there. A gun that he used is still in possession of his descendants, now being owned by a great great grandson, Francis Williams, son of Rosa Corson Williams. Peter Corsen is listed in the State Tax Lists of Northumberland County, Muncy Township, for the years 1785, 1786, 1787. (Pa. Arch. Ser. 3, V. 19, pp. 623, 705, 781.) He was recorded in the 1790 Census of Northumberland County with four males under 16, and one female, no doubt his wife. He married Hannah Dutter. They had nine children:

1. ABRAHAM CORSON, born 1779;
2. JACOB CORSON, born Mar. 7, 1783;
3. ISAAC CORSON, married Sara Shipman;
4. JOHN CORSON, married Elizabeth Buck;
5. ELIZABETH CORSON, married George Fague;
6. JANE CORSON, married Henry Buck;
7. ANN CORSON, married Fred Taylor;
8. MARY CORSON, married, first, David Woodly, second, Jesse Blaker;
9. PETER CORSON, married Margaret McCarty.

## DESCENDANTS OF PETER CORSON

1. ABRAHAM CORSON, born about 1779, in New Jersey, son of Peter and Hannah (Dutter) Corson, married Jamima Morris. She was born in 1791 and died Apr. 14, 1871, at Montoursville, Pa. Abraham died July 2, 1851, at Penn Township, Lycoming County. They had eight children:

- EFFIE CORSON, married Wesley Rogers;
- FRANK CORSON, married ——— Houghton;
- MARGARET CORSON, married Reuben Schoch;
- ELIZABETH CORSON, married ——— Myers;
- CHARLES CORSON, married ——— Howlett;
- BENJAMIN CORSON, married Mary Holmes;
- MARY CORSON, married Theodore Schoch;
- SARAH CORSON, married Joe Cromley.

BENJAMIN CORSON, born May 26, 1826, died May 30, 1900, the son of Abraham and Jamima (Morris) Corson, married



Mary Holmes. She was born Apr. 27, 1828, and died June, 1914, at Pittsburgh, Pa. Of their children:

ROSA CORSON was born July 17, 1865, near Halls Station, Pa.

ROSA CORSON, married Sept. 17, 1879, William Edward Williams. He was born Jan. 19, 1853, and died Apr. 23, 1927, at Exchange, Pa. Rosa (Corson) and William Edward Williams had three children, who married and have families. They were:

1. FRANCIS WILLIAMS, born Nov. 13, 1880, married Apr. 24, 1907, Nellie Tobin, issue, three children, Edith, Ruth, and Leo, all unmarried;
2. BERTHA WILLIAMS, born July 12, 1884, married Lee Michael, issue, two sons, Ford and Robert, unmarried;
3. DORA WILLIAMS, born Aug. 16, 1887, married Jan. 16, 1907, Bert Ritter, issue, eight children, as follows: McClellen Ritter, married Helen Shipman, issue, son, Harry; George Ritter, unmarried; Bertha Ritter, married Harry Harding, issue, a daughter, Mary Joe; Helen Ritter, married Harvey Sones, issue, daughter, Frances; Harry Ritter; Rose Ritter; Pearl Ritter; John Ritter. The latter three were unmarried in 1933.

2. JACOB CORSON, born Mar. 7, 1783, the son of Peter and Hannah (Dutter) Corson, married Elizabeth Fiester. She was born Mar. 10, 1793, at Lycoming County, Pa. They lived in Shrewsbury Township, Lycoming County. To them were born fifteen children. Two of these died young. The others were:

- (1) CHARLES CORSON, married Mary Britton;
- (2) MARY CORSON, married William Taylor;
- (3) GEORGE CORSON, married Susan Jones;
- (4) PETER CORSON, married Hannah Dugan;
- (5) ANN CORSON, married Aaron Whitaker;
- (6) JOHN CORSON, married Jane Mary Burrows;
- (7) SUSAN A. CORSON, married George Myers;
- (8) ISAAC CORSON, married Josephine Wilson;
- (9) ELIZA CORSON, married H. R. Merhling;
- (10) JACOB CORSON, married Emma Neece;
- (11) MARIA CORSON, married Thomas Howlett;
- (12) CAROLINE CORSON, married Alfred H. Hill;
- (13) DANIEL CORSON, married Sarah Neece.

Jacob Corson, Sr., died Dec. 23, 1842, and Elizabeth, his widow, died Dec. 19, 1861. (See J. F. Meginnes' History of Lycoming County, p. 1001.)

(6) JOHN CORSON, born Aug. 14, 1819, the son of Jacob Corson, Sr., and Elizabeth Fiester, married Jane Mary Burrows. She was born Dec. 21, 1825, at Montoursville, Pa., and died Dec. 11, 1907, at Fredericksburg, Va. He died Mar. 30, 1887, at Fredericksburg. Of their children,

FANNIE H. CORSON was born Aug. 25, 1856, at Hughsville, Pa.

She resides at Washington, D. C., and is unmarried.

(10) JACOB F. CORSON, farmer, was born on the farm where he resided in Shrewsbury Township, Lycoming County, Pa., Apr. 4, 1830, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Fiester) Corson. He received a common school education and followed farming all his life. The farm upon which he resided was purchased by his grandfather in 1798; his father, Jacob Corson, resided thereon and owned an adjoining tract of 400 acres, in connection with which he operated a sawmill. After his father's death, Jacob F. Corson took charge of the mill and timber tract, and conducted the business until his mother's death. On May 18, 1859, he married Emma Neece, daughter of John Neece, and to them were born five children:

CLARA CORSON, married Dr. Essick;

THOMAS CORSON, married Iola Taylor;

WILLIAM CORSON, married Sarah Eddy;

JOSEPH CORSON;

FLORA CORSON. (J. F. Meginnnes' History of Lycoming County, p. 1001.)



## IV

### THE STATEN ISLAND-PENNSYLVANIA CORSONS

#### THE PATRONYMIC SYSTEM OF THE DUTCH AND THE ORIGIN OF THE NAME CORSON

A thorough understanding of the system of names used by the Dutch, Scandinavians, and other Germanic people at the time New Netherland was settled is desirable in order to better understand this story of the early generations of the Corson families in America. It must always be borne in mind, that from about 1624, when the first attempt at colonization of New Netherland was made by the Dutch, until the English assumed control in 1664, the great majority of the people of this settlement did not have permanent or family names. Names changed from generation to generation. At this time the second or patronymic name in Dutch names was not a family name, but was merely a description or designation.

With the child's baptismal name was used a name made by the addition of "sen" to the father's baptismal name. This "sen" was an old possessive ending signifying that the child was a son or daughter of the father. Sometimes the genitive ending was written "zen" or "szen," and often was abbreviated into "sz," "se" or "s." Although the ending "sen" or "szen" was used more often to designate a male child, and "se" or "s" to designate a female, that was not always the rule. Sometimes, "se" or "s" was used with male names and "sen" with female names.

Take the name Cors Pietersen as an illustration. Pietersen is not a family name, but merely designates Cors as a child of Pieter. Pieter who, you may ask. The name of Cors' father was not found, but if Cors' grandfather's baptismal name had been Jan, the patronymic name of Cors' father would have been Pieter Jansen.

It was in this manner that the sons of Cors Pietersen, the progenitor of the Staten Island-Pennsylvania Corsons, used the name "Cors" and the ending "sen" to form their name "CORSSSEN" (CORS-SEN), designating them as sons of the father, "CORS." Thus did the name, Corssen, later changed to Corson, first appear

in the Staten Island-Pennsylvania branch of the family. After the English assumed control of the government of New Netherland in 1664, English customs gradually prevailed and family names came into use. Then it was that the patronymic name "CORSSEN" became a permanent or family name. The name when written by the descendants of Cors Pietersen for four generations was invariably spelled in the proper Dutch form of CORSSSEN or CORSEN. But when written by some officiating clerk or clergyman, it was often variously spelled as Corsz, Corse, Corsse, Corsone, Corstenszen, Coursen, Cosson, Korssen, Korsen, Korszen, Korse, Korse, or Korson. The name was corrupted into the more English form of CORSON after the Revolutionary War period.

But in designating persons, under this system of names, another peculiar method, employed by the early Dutch settlers, was used by paternal and maternal ancestors of the Corson family. Presumably to distinguish persons with similar names, an additional designative denoting a place or district, occupation, or personal characteristic was often added to the patronymic. It may have been originally applied to the individual using it or to his ancestors. Sometimes as the system of names changed after the English assumed control and family names came into use, the patronymic was dropped and the appellation, that had been used with the patronymic became the family name.

Thus, Jacob Leendertsen van der Grift, whose daughter married Cornelis Corssen the eldest son of Cors Pietersen, was designated as Jacob Leendertsen (Leonard's son) van der Grift (of the canal). Obviously, he or his ancestors were from a district near a canal. In this family, the patronymic was dropped and Van Der Grift became the family name. Another illustration is the name, Suydam, from van Suydam (Suyt or Zuid Dam) meaning South Dam. An illustration in which the name of a trade or occupation of the individual was attached to the patronymic to further distinguish him is the name Pieter Andriessen de Schoorsteenveger. Schoorsteenveger means chimney-sweep. The name, Dirck Jansen de Groot, means Dirck, Jan's son, the large or powerful, and is an example of a personal characteristic used as an appellation or additional designative.

Sometimes it happened that the children of one brother in a family would use the patronymic and it became the family name of their descendants, while another brother's children would drop the patronymic and use the appellation as their name, which would become the family name of their descendants.



This occurred in the family of Cors Pietersen. The additional designative "Vroom" on rare occasions was added to the names of Cornelis and Hendrick Corssen. The only instance found by the compiler in which the name "Vroom" appeared was the baptismal record of Cornelis Corssen's daughter, Cornelia in 1681. The name of the father is here recorded as "Cornelis Corsen Vroom" and the name of his brother as a witness is written as "Hendrick Corsen Vroom." The appellation "Vroom" does not appear in the records with the name Cors Pietersen. This is not only the opinion of the writer, but also of J. H. Innes, author of *NEW AMSTERDAM AND ITS PEOPLE* and a further extension of this work as yet unpublished. Mr. Innes advised on May 28, 1929: "In the course of this work however, I had occasion to examine about all that can be furnished by the records in relation to Cornelis (Cors) Pietersen about whom you inquire." He advised on July 6, 1929: "I have never seen the word 'Vroom' used in connection with him (Cors Pietersen)."

The Dutch word "Vroom" could mean brave, pious, kind, or gentle. However, brave is one of the old meanings of the word, as shown for instance by Johannes de Laet, where in his *HISTORY OF THE WEST INDIA COMPANY*, published in 1664, he speaks of the "vroome daden" (brave deeds) of Admiral Lichthart. Whether its application to the sons of Cors Pietersen indicated a trait or characteristic of the father or his sons, or whether it was used to mean brave, pious, kind, or gentle is only problematical, as nothing was found to prove its origin. If it had been used by the family before the generation of Cors Pietersen, it could be expected to be used with his name. Also Cors Pietersen died when his eldest son was ten and the youngest only two years old. Their mother re-married two years after her first husband's death. Under these circumstances it certainly seems unlikely that the appellation "Vroom" could be used years later with the names of the sons of Cors Pietersen, because of its use by the family before the latter's generation which of course would have been in Holland.

However, we do know that Cors Pietersen was brave or fearless even to recklessness in his treatment of Indians. His son, Cornelis, was designated in the Breuckelen tax records as "Capt." in 1676 and is recorded as Constable in 1681 on Staten Island. The family also clearly appears to have been pious, dutiful to God or parents.

The children of Cornelis Corssen, the eldest son of Cors Pietersen, used the patronymic "Corssen" and their descendants are known by this name. The children of Hendrick Corssen, the



youngest son, used the additional designative "Vroom" as a surname and it became the family name of their descendants. Hendrick Corssen and his family moved from Brooklyn to the Raritan River district of New Jersey, in the same community where some of the descendants of Jan Corszen and Metje Cray, first ancestors of the Sussex County, N. J., group resided. The latter used the name, "Corssen," as a family name and this circumstance may have influenced Hendrick Corssen's children to use the name "Vroom."

Although a female was designated in a manner similar to the method used to name male children, it sometimes happened in the case of a married woman, that the genitive ending, "sen," "se," or "s" would be attached to the first or given name of her husband instead of to the baptismal name of her father. For example, let us take the name of Cors Pietersen's wife, Tryntje Hendricks, as it was generally written in the records. Her father was Hendrick Tomassen (Hendrick, son of Thomas) and the name of his daughter, Tryntje Hendricks, designated her as Tryntje, the daughter of Hendrick. If, however, she was spoken of by her husband's name, she would be Tryntje Corssen or Tryntje Corsen or Corse. Thus in 1656, when she witnessed a baptism, the clerk recorded her name as "Tryntje Corsen." (Baptisms, Dutch Ref. Church, New Amsterdam, New York G. & B. So., Vol. 2, p. 41.)

Cors Pietersen has been erroneously called by many writers, Cornelis Pietersen. This seems to have been brought about when some of the first persons, who translated the early Dutch records into the English language, assumed that Cors was an abbreviation of Cornelis, and took the liberty of changing the name, Cors, that appeared in the original Dutch records to the name, Cornelis, in the English translation of the original.

The name, Cors, is a name by itself and is used as such to this day in Holland. In rare instances it may have been used as a short form for Corstiaen, the old form of Christiaen, but is not properly an abbreviation for Cornelis. In the name, Cors Pietersen, there can be no doubt that Cors was his given name and that it was not an abbreviation for Cornelis. Johan Winkler, in his standard work on Dutch family names, *DE NEDERLANDSCHE GESLACHTENAMEN*, page 131, gives the following names formed from Christianus (Christ) :

Christiaenssens, Christiaanse, Kerstma, Kestma, Kastma, Karsten, Carsten, Corst, Cors, Corstiaen, Kersting, Christ, Carstensen, and Kersten.

Winkler does not say a word about Cors being used as an abbreviation for Cornelis. Cors and Corst are variants of Cars or Karst,



and Kerst, formed from Christiaen in accordance with well-known linguistic laws. Christmas in Dutch is Kerstmis. The same dialectical vowel changes occur in other Dutch words; e.g., Morgen, a land measure equivalent to two acres, is in the 17th Century Dutch records also spelled margen and mergen, and dertig (thirty) is also written dartig, dartich and dortich.

The error of those translating the early Dutch records has caused much confusion, and it was only after an examination of many of these original records, on file at the New York State Library, by Mr. A. J. F. van Laer, Archivist of the University of the State of New York, that it was clearly established that Cors and not Cornelis was the given name of this man. In order that the reader may share in these convictions the following synopsis of the correspondence that took place between Mr. van Laer, Mr. J. H. Innes, the eminent historian and author of *Nyack, N. Y.*, and the compiler is presented:

On May 28, 1929, Mr. Innes wrote concerning Cors Pietersen:

"About half the time he is designated in the records as 'Cors' Pietersen, therefore Cors and Cornelis are the same and the first is only an abbreviation or nickname of Cornelis as is manifest."

Mr. Innes, who is the author of *NEW AMSTERDAM AND ITS PEOPLE*, a very comprehensive work giving Studies, Social and Topographical, of the town under Dutch and Early English Rule, and another volume which remains in manuscript, in which he has described parts of the town not described in the first work, is a very profound historian and must have found good reasons in the records upon which to base his statement.

In a letter under date of Oct. 8, 1929, Mr. A. J. F. van Laer, who has a scholarly familiarity with the early Dutch Manuscripts of New Netherland, stated:

"As I have explained before, Cors is a short form for Christiaen and does not stand for Cornelis. The short form for that is Kees. I do not think that I have ever seen the name Cors used in the Dutch records in the sense of Cornelis. If I remember rightly, Mr. Innes wrote me years ago that he had seen Cors Pietersen referred to as Cornelis Pietersen, but I think that he is mistaken in that, or else, that he found his name so given in O'Callaghan's translations, for O'Callaghan, in his *Calendar of the Dutch Mss.*, uses the name Cornelis instead of Cors."

As a search of the records in the vicinity of Langeraer was instituted in the hope of finding trace of Cors Pietersen before he came to America, it was very important that his correct name be known. Consequently Mr. Innes was advised as to the opinion of Mr. van Laer and a request made that Mr. Innes furnish a list of the



records mentioning this man as Cornelis Pietersen. Mr. Innes replied to this letter on October 30, as follows :

"Your later communication brings up a very serious question, however, that is to say how far we can rely on translated material, and how far we may apprehend that a person may go in changing an original to suit his own fancies. Now the husband of Tryntje Hendrickse was undoubtedly often and generally known as Cors Pietersz, and his residence and property were on the north side of Pearl Street. The original patent to him appears in the *translated* record as to Cornelis Pietersen, in 1646. There was, however, an error in the grants to the adjacent owners, which affected his parcel, so in 1647, additional rights were granted to him, and here he is spoken of as Cors Pietersen; but in the deed of the lot on the west from Pieter Ebel to Isaac Greveract, he is again spoken of as Cornelis Pietersen. (May 21, 1655.)

"So in the list of Baptisms in the Dutch Church, printed by Valentine in the Manual of the New York Common Council for 1863, p. 801, all the baptisms of his children are under the name of Cornelis Pietersen, whereas, those you mention in your memorandum to me from the Genealogical Record are under the name of Cors. This latter list being copies from the Dutch records of course demands great respect, and shows that in this case someone has taken the liberty of changing Cors to Cornelis, and gives rise to the suspicion that somebody may have done the same thing in the other cases.

"But all this does not help much, because while 'Cors' is undoubtedly a short form or nickname for Corstiaen, the ancient form of Christiaen, it is also the same for Cornelis. The word 'Kees' is no doubt a nickname for Cornelis, too, at any rate the Dutch dictionary says so, but I have never seen it used in any New Netherland records. At any rate the remarkable fact remains that whether a nickname or a mere contraction, it was deliberately chosen for a patronymic by the children of Cors Pietersz.

"Of course, if we cannot depend on the accuracy of the translations there is practically an end to research, except by some Dutch antiquary, for the 17th Century Dutch chirography is harder to decipher than German Script written by someone afflicted with writer's cramp. I can suggest nothing better than to get photostat copies of the original records to see whether they have been tampered with.

"Yours very truly,

J. H. INNES."

Because of his scholarly familiarity with the Dutch Manuscripts, Mr. A. J. F. van Laer was again appealed to, a copy of Mr. Innes' letter was enclosed with a request that he, if possible, advise whether or not the original records named by Mr. Innes, record this man's name as Cors or Cornelis Pietersen. Mr. van Laer's reply to this communication under date of November 25, 1929, follows :

"I just received your letter of November 22nd with the copy of part of Mr. Innes' letter. The patent of 1646 is in Land Patents, GG, p. 164, in the New York State Library, and the name is written, 'Cors Pietersz.' It is correctly given as 'Cors Pietersen' in the printed calendar of these patents,



but it is possible that the manuscript translation in the Secretary of State's Office has Cornelis Pietersen, as Mr. Innes states. This of course, has no signification beyond showing that the translator thought that Cors meant Cornelis and filled out the name.

"The deed of May 21, 1655, is translated in Documents relating to the Colonial History of New York, vol. 14, p. 320, and the name is given as 'Cors Pietersen.' I took the trouble to look up the original in New York Colonial Mss., vol. 3, p. 132b. It also has 'Cors Pietersen.' Mr. Innes may have used, as I know he frequently used to do, the now destroyed manuscript translations of F. A. van der Kemp, which were full of errors. Again, of course, it is only the original that counts.

"The baptismal entries in the N. Y. Genealogical and Biographical Record are more reliable than those in Valentine's Manual. Better still are the bound volumes of baptisms published more recently by the N. Y. Genealogical Society. I have not looked up the baptisms of the children of Cors Pietersen, but my recollection is that the name invariably appears as Cors Pietersen, or Pietersz.

"I frankly think that Mr. Innes is mistaken in saying that Cornelis sometimes occurs in the original records in the place of Cors. I think I can safely say that it is never written with a final period, as it undoubtedly would sometimes be written if intended as a contraction of Cornelis or Cornelius. Kees does not occur very often in the New Netherland records, but it does occur. —Cors is a name by itself, just as Dick for Richard, not merely part of the name Corstiaen, in which case it might also be written with a final period.

"Very truly yours,

A. J. F. VAN LAER."

Several months later, I had occasion to write to Mr. Innes and advised him of the report from Mr. van Laer, concerning the entries in which Mr. Innes had found the name, Cornelis Pietersen, in the English translations of the Dutch Manuscripts. Mr. Innes commented as follows:

"As to the error in the printed records touching the name of Cors Pietersen, I soon satisfied myself that it was one of the numerous mis-readings, if not positive liberties taken with Dutch names by Valentine, O'Callaghan, Brodhead, and some others."

Thus you have observed that this man's name appears only as "Cors" in the original record, and as Mr. van Laer says, it is only the original that counts. This fact and the additional fact that the children of this man used "Cors" as a patronymic and wrote their name CORSSSEN, shows clearly that Cors in the name of Cors Pietersen was a name by itself, and that it was not an abbreviation of another name. Further proof that Cors, in the name of Cors Pietersen, was a first or baptismal name in itself was found in the fact that Cors Pietersen's youngest son, Hendrick Corssen, gave his eldest son the baptismal name of Cors, as will be seen in later chapters. He was named after his grandfather, Cors Pietersen.



## V

### THE QUESTION OF NATIONALITY OF CORS PIETERSEN

The compiler, fully aware that all writers touching on the nationality of the Staten Island-Pennsylvania Corssen families of New Netherland have stated that this family was of French Huguenot descent, found nothing in the records to substantiate this claim, and believes that they have erred and that the records themselves prove the nationality of Cors Pietersen to be Dutch. We do not believe that anyone who reads this work and observes the proof of the birthplace of Cors Pietersen in Langerlaer, Holland, and how he married a Dutch woman, gave his children Dutch names, and whose friends and family circle were Dutch people, can have any doubt as to the correctness of this statement.

You will also notice that even after the English took over control of New Netherland in 1664, that for three or more generations after the first, or the generation of Cors Pietersen and Tryntje Hendricks, that these same pronounced Dutch characteristics continued, that the wives in almost every instance were Dutch women and that the children hardly without exception were given Dutch names. The writer found, although the official language of the country was English after they assumed control of New Netherland in 1664, that the descendants of Cors Pietersen, for almost one hundred and fifty years after Cors had emigrated to New Amsterdam from Holland, were baptising their children in the Dutch Reformed Church and that these records were written in the Dutch language.

This practice is usually the case, the French who settled in Canada still cling to their French customs and language. The Germans, who emigrated to this country in large numbers, usually settled in districts, where others of their nationality had settled and where they could worship in their own language, and cling to their customs. The Pilgrims, who went to Holland seeking religious freedom, left that country and came to America that they could better retain their English language and customs.

It is difficult to conceive how any writer, if he had made an examination of the records, could find any indication of French Huguenot ancestry for the Staten Island-Pennsylvania group of

the Corson family. That such an apparently mistaken idea about the nationality of any family should go unchallenged for so long a period is beyond conception. Nevertheless in probably every library of any size in this country can be found volumes that quote the nationality of this family as French. Because of these conditions the compiler feels it his duty to review the statements of various writers who have claimed Huguenot ancestry and to show why their claims have no foundation.

The statement in Weiss' *HISTORY OF THE FRENCH PROTESTANT REFUGEES*, Vol. 2, pp. 317-8, naming the Corssen families of Staten Island with other French Huguenot families, and by Stapleton in his *MEMORIALS OF THE FRENCH HUGUENOTS*, p. 29, that the family was descended from the De Coursons of France, were probably responsible for the beginning of this belief. Dr. Hiram Corson, in his magnificent volume, *THE CORSON FAMILY*, was of the opinion that Capt. Cornelis Corssen landed on Staten Island in 1685 on a boat from France, which although bound for Charleston, S. C., had, because of storms been forced to land on the Island. That story had to be abandoned when undeniable evidence was found that Capt. Cornelis Corssen was baptised in New Amsterdam as the son of Cors Pietersen and Tryntje Hendricks in 1645.

Then Rev. Woodruff, in his genealogy, *THE COURSENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY*, quotes the historian Bergen, who names Cors Pietersen as Cornelis Pieterse Vroom, and states: "That the omitted surname was 'Vroom,' we know from the fact that in the more sophisticated following generations his sons were so recorded." Woodruff knew of the record on page 72, Vol. 1, N. Y. Colonial Mss., stating that Cors Pietersen came from Langeraker, Holland, and had a search made there for trace of Cors' ancestors, whose family name he had assumed to be "Vroom," without result. Woodruff also located Langeraker, "a hamlet northeast of Leiden," and assumed that the Vrooms had come from France to Holland, on their way to New Amsterdam. Why a French family should have such a Dutch name as Vroom, he does not explain.

Then Purcival G. Ullman published his volume, *THE COURSEN (CORSON) FAMILY*, in 1918, seeking to prove the progenitor of the Corson families in America was one, Peter Coursen, a French Huguenot refugee, who landed in America in 1612, "one year after the first colonization of New Amsterdam by the Dutch, as the records show was commenced in 1611." Although Mr. Ullman offered no proof of his statement, he named one of the sons of



Peter Coursen, as Cors Pieterse, whose correct name, he says was "Cornelius Corsen." Concerning Mr. Woodruff's references, "The Calender of Dutch Mss.," pp. 5-62, and "Collection of New York Mss.," Vol. 1, p. 72, which establish that Cors Pietersen was born in 1612 and came to America from Langeraker, Holland, Mr. Ullman made the following conclusions:

"I have made a careful examination of each of said volumes and *fail to find* such date of birth, hamlet or places named. Neither do they appear upon *any map* or in *any encyclopaedia*. There is no doubt that Woodruff, the author, was mistaken, but that he intended Langes, a hamlet in France, near the border of Belgium, for Langeraker or Langerak, so named in his book."

Notwithstanding the fact that official records show that there was no colonization of New Amsterdam until 1624, and that Cors Pietersen came from Langeraker, and was born in 1611-12, THE HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF AMERICA accepted Mr. Ullman's claims and issued a certificate to be used with Mr. Ullman's genealogies, stating that the descendants of the Staten Island families were eligible to their society. The action of this society in accepting one, Peter Coursen, a supposed French Huguenot refugee, as the progenitor of our family was surely unfortunate. It only made a bad situation much worse. Although they now admit their error, The Institute of American Genealogy, publishers of the Abridged Compendium of American Genealogy, in Chicago followed suit and named this supposed Huguenot refugee, Peter Coursen, as the founder ancestor of the family.

Concerning the possibility that Peter Coursen, a French Huguenot refugee, to New Amsterdam in 1612, was the father of Cors Pietersen, Arendt Corssen, Jan and Jean Coursen, the latter supposed to have married Catherine van Campen in 1619, etc., no less an authority than J. H. Innes, author of NEW AMSTERDAM AND ITS PEOPLE, expressed himself as follows:

"In the quotations you send from various writings, I am astonished to see the ignorance displayed by the authors, of the most ordinary historical matters. There was no 'Colonization' at all of New Amsterdam in 1611, nor for a dozen years after. There is no record of any marriages in New Amsterdam in 1619 nor for many years afterward nor the least evidence that there was anyone there to perform marriages. It is a well-known fact as I stated before, that there was no one on Manhattan Island but a few trading clerks of the Netherland Trading Company, prior to its surrender to the newly formed West India Co., in 1622, when the clerks, etc., were to be recalled." "I have never found an example of the name of Peter Coursen in any records of New Netherlands hitherto brought to my attention."

The question arises as to why so much confusion concerning the nationality of one man. The compiler believes he can answer this



question by stating it was caused by an absolute lack of understanding by the various writers, of the patronymic system used by the Dutch and Scandinavians of early New Netherland. No doubt the error of translators of the Dutch manuscripts was in a large measure responsible, in assuming that Cors was an abbreviation of Cornelis, and in taking the liberty of writing his name in the translated versions of the original Dutch records as Cornelis Pietersen.

The compiler believes because of this widespread belief that the Staten Island Corsons were of French Huguenot stock, that a detailed explanation of why Cors Pietersen, the now accepted and proved progenitor of the family, could not possibly be of French stock, or that even his ancestors for several generations before him could not have been Huguenots, as some of those interested and unwilling to give up the French theory, have claimed, will be not without interest.

My distinguished cousin, Alan Corson, of Philadelphia, one of the leading genealogists of the family offered the following to support his theory that the ancestors of Cors Pietersen came from France:

"I do not feel convinced that your argument shutting out Huguenot ancestry is convincing. Prior to the Edict of Nantes on April 13, 1598, the Huguenots of France, (so called from 1560), had been cruelly persecuted by the Catholics for generations, particularly in 1535 and before, but 1535 marks the beginning of their emigration. Several edicts of toleration were annulled by the Edict of Nemours, July 7, 1585, but on April 13, 1598, the Huguenots were guaranteed full liberty of conscience. From then on, there were numerous outbreaks against the Protestants and, in 1629, the Huguenots were obliterated as a political party and as time went on, they were deprived of civil rights and severe measures were taken to bring them into the Catholic Church. Hundreds of thousands fled to Switzerland, the Netherlands, England, Germany and the West Indies, as well as South Carolina, New York, Massachusetts and other North American Colonies. The climax was the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, Oct. 18, 1685, which gave a new stimulus to the emigration of all classes from France resulting in a loss of from 400,000 to 1,000,000 of French people of good blood.

"The first movement toward toleration of Protestantism was the Edict of Louis XVI in 1787, which legalized Protestant marriages.

"I am pointing out the fact that there is a large chance that the family of Coursen was French Huguenot and fled to Holland. That, while it is true that Cors Pieterszen was so called and he came from Holland, there were others of the Family of Corson, who settled in North America by the name of Corson viz.: Hendrick, Jan, Arendt, Philip, and Nicholas being recorded in Church records.

"It is significant that Tryntje Hendricks, his wife, witnessed a Baptism in 1656 under her name of Tryntje Corsen. See Baptism Dutch Church N. Y., Vol. 2, N. Y. G. & B. Soc., page 41. She evidently knew she was the widow Corson and not the widow Pieterszen.



"The first record we have of the Family is Robert de Courson, a Crusader and Papal legate, who died at Damietta 1215. The encyclopedia says he was an Englishman who studied in the University of Paris and there met the person who afterwards became Pope Innocent, the leader of the second Crusade."

The compiler submitted Alan's dissenting opinion on ancestry to Mr. A. J. F. van Laer, Archivist of the University of the State of New York, and asked for his opinion on the possibilities of Cors Pietersen's ancestors being of Huguenot stock. His reply follows:

"I just received your letter of August 27, 1931, enclosing Alan Corson's treatise on the Huguenots, which I return herewith. As you say, Mr. Alan Corson does not understand the patronymic system and erroneously supposes that Cors Pietersen's family name was Corsen, or Corson. It is perfectly clear that Tryntje Corsen was so named because her husband's first name was Cors. It is true that the ending 'sen' is used more commonly for men than for women, but the clerks were not always particular about that and there are numerous instances where women whose fathers or husbands were called Jan or Hendrick were called indiscriminately Jans, Janse, Jansen, and Hendricks, Hendrickse and Hendricksen.

"'Sen' does not mean 'soon' or 'zoon' (son), but is an old genitive ending the same as 's' and 'se,' which can be used for women as well as men. Hendrick, Jan and Arendt are typically Dutch names. How does Mr. Alan Corson explain the use of such names in a family of Huguenot ancestry. Huguenot families of such distinguished ancestry as the Courson claims to be are as a rule proud of their French origin and carefully preserve the use of French given names.

"It seems to me that in the case of a name like Cors Pietersen, with all the circumstantial evidence pointing clearly to Dutch ancestry and without a shred of evidence tending to prove that the family was of French origin, something more is needed to establish Huguenot ancestry than the statement that, because thousands of Huguenots emigrated to Holland, 'there is a large chance that the family of Courson (meaning Corsen) was French Huguenot and fled to Holland.'"

My cousin Alan's reluctance to accept the compiler's claims of Dutch ancestry is representative of the beliefs of many of the family, who for so many years were led to believe the story of French nationality, and it is not to be wondered at, when so many historians and writers have previously claimed Huguenot origin. In order to better set forth my belief in Dutch ancestry, I want to further analyze Alan's dissenting opinion.

At this time the French people had already discarded the patronymic system and used family names. The name, "Cors Pietersen" is typically Dutch and is not a family name. His name in itself is convincing evidence that he was not of French ancestry, as then he would have been named, Chretien Pierre. Even in the Dutch



settlement of New Amsterdam, we do not find the French using this system. Philip du Trieux, one of the earliest Huguenot emigrants to New Netherland and a maternal ancestor of our family, did not use a patronymic name. His daughter was known as Maria du Trieux and not as Maria Philipse, as she would have been known under the Dutch system. In summing up the whole situation, it can no longer be denied that Cors Pietersen was born in 1611-12, and that he came to New Amsterdam from Langeracker, Holland. Also that the first emigration of French Protestants was about 1535, not over three generations before Cors Pietersen was born. If we assume that his ancestors might have been the first to leave France, Cors Pietersen's grandfather or great grandfather might have been among them. If we admit all this to be true, to accept the Huguenot theory, we must also agree that in three or less generations this family lost its French name and all its French characteristics so completely that they gave their grandson or great grandson a typically Dutch name, and that all recollections of French ancestry had disappeared. This is not characteristic of the French people. They, like other nationalities, were proud of their French names, of their language, and of their religion. They clung to these things that were dear to their hearts. That a family, members of a sect, so determined to preserve their religion that they chose to go into exile rather than give it up, could lose their French name and religion, adopt an entirely different patronymic system, and become so thoroughly Dutch that all trace of French identity was lost in three generations, is certainly very remote. The circumstantial evidence is all against it.

I believe that I can safely say that not one authority that has claimed Huguenot ancestry has produced any substantial proof that Cors Pietersen was of French origin. Nor has anyone offered proof that the Courson family of France was Protestant or Huguenot, or that any of this family ever emigrated from France. These facts and others, evident all through this work, are the compiler's reasons for rejecting Huguenot ancestry.

Several of the outstanding proofs that the family was not of French origin that appear elsewhere in this work should be mentioned here. One is found in the Biography of Lafferd W. Corson, as found in the Biographical Album of Branch County (Michigan), published by Chapman Brothers of Chicago, Ill., in 1888. Lafferd Corson was a great grandson of Christian Corson of Bucks County, Pa., son of Benjamin Corson and Blandina Viele. In this biog-



raphy, which is given on pages 126-7-8 of this volume, appears the following :

"His paternal grandfather, Derick Corson, was of Holland-Dutch descent, and for a number of years carried on farming in the State of Pennsylvania."

That the Corson families in America were not all descended from a common ancestor, who was thought to be descended from the French family of Courson or Du Courson, is very evident to the student of nationality of the South Jersey or Cape May group of Corsons, whose history appears in part two of this work. Although the research in connection with this part of the work failed to reveal whence Carsten Jansen, the progenitor of this group, had emigrated, no tradition of French ancestry in this family was found. While several of the genealogists of this group claimed Dutch nationality, the outstanding traditions indicated Scandinavian ancestry for Carsten Jansen. The circumstantial evidence in the records favored this theory.

Now let us see what some of the outstanding historians and genealogists of the country say about the nationality of Cors Pietersen. Mr. A. J. F. van Laer, Archivist of the University of New York, who has a scholarly familiarity with the early Dutch and English records, in a letter commenting on the nationality of Cors Pietersen, stated :

"As far as I am aware there is not the slightest indication in the records that Cors Pietersen was of Huguenot stock."

Another statement by Mr. van Laer was given heretofore in his reply to Mr. Alan Corson's dissenting opinion on ancestry.

Mr. J. H. Innes of Nyack, N. Y., historian and author of *NEW AMSTERDAM AND ITS PEOPLE*, in answer to my inquiry, replied as follows :

"As to your inquiry about French descent of Cors Pietersen, I would say that I have never seen anything raising a suspicion of it."

Dr. Arthur Adams, Professor of English, Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., a genealogist of note and Registrar General of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, expressed himself as follows on the ancestry of the Staten Island Corsons :

"I have not believed for years in the idea that the Staten Island Corsons were of Huguenot ancestry. I see no evidence whatever for such a theory. I remember a goodly number of years ago discussing the matter with the late John W. Jordan, Librarian of the Pennsylvania Historical Society, and we both agreed in that conclusion. There does not seem to me to be the least reason for holding any such notion."

## VI

### WITH THE STATEN ISLAND-PENNSYLVANIA CORSONS FOR THREE HUNDRED YEARS

#### CORS PIETERSEN AND FAMILY

The first authentic record of Cors Pietersen and his wife, Tryntje Hendrickse, occurs under date of June 10, 1638, when we find Cors entered suit against Adam Roelantsen, the first school-master of New Amsterdam, to recover Tryntje's interest in the estate of her deceased mother, Elsje Martense, who after the death of Tryntje's father had become Adam Roelantsen's first wife. Cors Pietersen, the progenitor of the Staten Island-Pennsylvania branch of the Corson families in America, was born at Langeraer, Holland, in the year 1612. Langeraer is a small hamlet, situated about six miles east of Leyden, on a small canalized river, known as the Aar. Langer means longer. At present Langeraer has about 850 inhabitants. It also borders a small beautiful lake called "Westplas." A reproduction of several camera snapshots of this old village, that were taken for the compiler by a friend, Mr. Simka Zijlstra of Rotterdam, are shown on the following page.

#### PROOF OF AGE

New York Colonial Manuscripts (O'Callaghan Translations), Vol. 1, p. 55.

"Before me Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary of New Netherland, appeared at the request of Annetje Jans, wife of E. Bogardus, minister, Cors Pietersen aged 26 years, and hath by true Christian words in place and with promise of an Oath, if needs be, testified, attested and declared that it is true and that he, the deponent, having bought a hog from Annetje Jans above named, did take from the store, in payment for it, as much purple cloth as was sufficient for a petticoat.

All which the deponent declares to be true.

Done this 19th October, A° 1638.

This is the mark X of Cors Pietersen, aforesaid.

The exact date that Cors Pietersen emigrated to New Amsterdam is not known. It has been suggested by some writers that he came with Capt. Petersen de Vries in 1633. From the fact that, in some manner, he very early had become quite versed in the



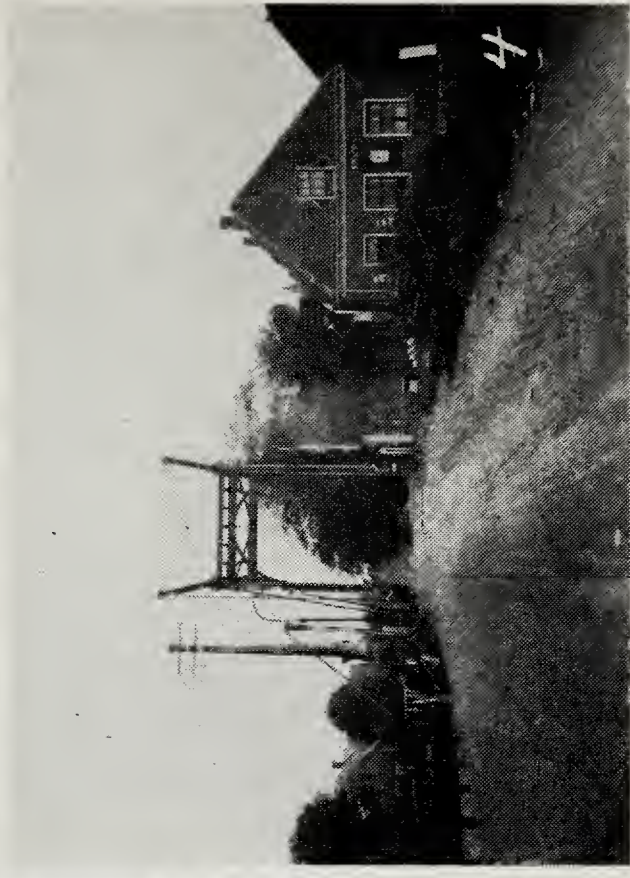
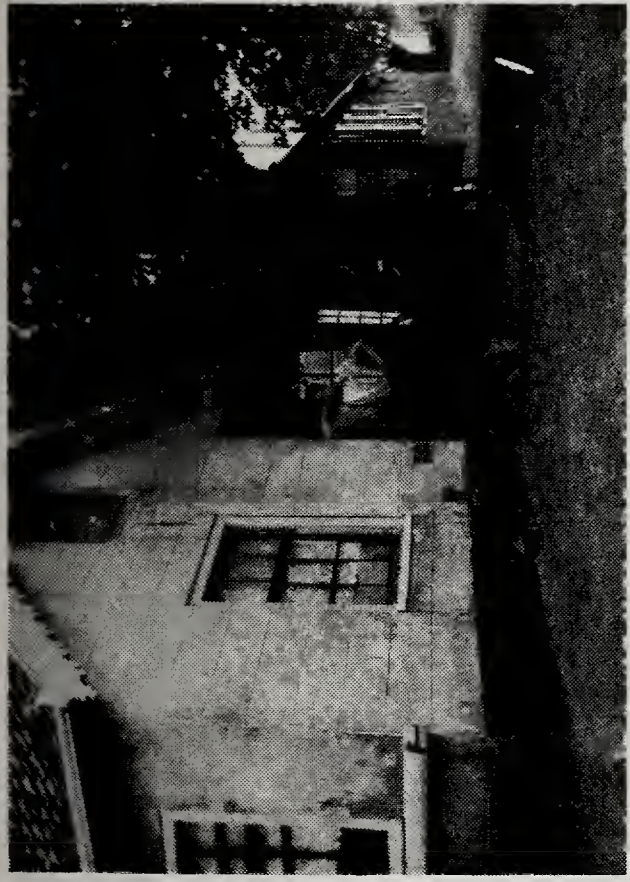
Indian tongue, it is probable that he was in New Amsterdam by 1633 or sooner. Although the records of New Amsterdam after 1638 are fairly complete, previous to this date they seem to have been lost. When we consider that the Hudson River was not discovered until 1609, that the only persons in this section of the country from 1610 to 1624 were a few clerks or traders of the New Netherland Company messing together in one or two cabins, and no settlers prior to 1624, it can be realized how early Cors Pietersen became identified with the settlement of New Amsterdam, now New York City.

From what has been gleaned from the records, he was apparently a young man of nautical training and seems to have been for a time in the service of Capt. David Pietersen de Vries. His occupation was principally that of skipper of a small vessel freighting between Manhattan and Rensselaerswyck (Albany) and occasionally acting as pilot in the harbor of New Amsterdam. Trading with the Indians was one of the principal occupations of the people of early New Amsterdam, and during his trips up and down the Hudson River, Cors Pietersen was no doubt actively engaged in this exchanging with the Redskins. It was probable while thus engaged that he became proficient in the Indian tongue.

The records tell that Cors got into trouble in these early days by taking a parcel of skins from an Indian and then pitching him overboard from a Dutch vessel. This act later was reciprocated by the Indians slapping Cors in the face with a dead squirrel, which nearly caused a general fight between the Dutch and the Indians. From the records, we also find that Cors Pietersen acted on many occasions as interpreter for the Dutch authorities in their dealings with the Indians.

Cors Pietersen and his wife, Tryntje Hendrickse, lived in their home on the North side of Pearl Street, in New Amsterdam, from 1647, or possibly some years before this date, until his death in 1655. A Royal Patent for this plot was granted to him by the Dutch authorities on June 21, 1647, but as the West India Company allowed persons to build on land sometimes years before they gave them a ground brief (ten years not uncommon), it is probable that they lived there many years before 1647. No doubt all of their children were born in this house, which is located in the view of the Marckveldt and 'T. Water, as illustrated facing page 34. In this view, the house of Cors Pietersen is the second building on the north side of Pearl Street, east of the Marckveldt, and is designated by the letter "H." (Also see the location of Cors Pietersen's house





FOUR VIEWS OF LANGERAER, HOLLAND, THE BIRTHPLACE OF CORS PIETERSEN, TAKEN FOR THE AUTHOR BY MR. SIMKA ZIJLSTRA, OF ROTTERDAM, HOLLAND

No. 1. The blacksmith shop and home of Gysbertus Pieterse. This family of Pietersens has lived in this house for several generations. The building behind the tree was built in 1737, as a stone in the wall indicated. Much to our dismay, this family did not prove to be any relation to Cors Pieterse, the progenitor of the Staten Island-Pennsylvania Corsons.

No. 2. The Roman Catholic Church in Langerær. Mr. Zijlstra commented: "Langerær is at present a Catholic center, but that was not so in the 17th and 18th Century."

No. 3. View of the village looking from North to South. It will be noticed almost every house has a little wooden bridge before it. The people now engage in horticulture.

No. 4. The Southern entrance to the village.





as described in the Guardian's report to the Orphanmasters of New Amsterdam, concerning the settlement of Cors' estate, page 37. The building on the North side of 'T Water (Pearl St.) designated by the letter "R" and owned in 1652 by Pieter Cornelissen, became the property of Joannes Nevius prior to 1655. Joannes Nevius, for many years the Town Clerk of New Amsterdam, is a maternal ancestor of some of the Pennsylvania and Ohio Corsons.

On the page following the VIEW OF THE MARCKVELDT AND 'T WATER is a PLAN OF NEW AMSTERDAM as it existed from about 1644-1657. This is a reproduction of a plan of New Amsterdam, compiled from the Dutch and English records, by J. H. Innes in his remarkable volume, NEW AMSTERDAM AND ITS PEOPLE. The plot is the lower tip of Manhattan Island, which today is the heart of the financial and business district of the largest city in the world, New York City. In order that the site of New Amsterdam as shown on this early map may be made more clear, in its relation to the position of the modern New York City, the location of the present Wall St., Exchange Place, New St., and Broad St. are shown in dotted lines. The location of these modern streets in the New York financial district was furnished by Mr. John R. Goubeaud, of the New York City Engineering Department.

In addition to the references, listed by Mr. Innes on his original plan, the compiler has added the location of four homes of ancestors of the Staten Island-Pennsylvania group of the Corsons in America. The buildings located are:

- No. 1. The house of Cors Pietersen and his wife, Tryntje Hendricks;
- No. 2. The house of Fredrick Lubbertsen and his first wife, Styntje Hendrickse, the maternal grandparents of Maritje van der Grift, who became the wife of Cors Pietersen's eldest son, Capt. Cornelis Corssen;
- No. 3. The house of Cornelis Volkertsen and Maria Du Trieux, whose granddaughter, Blandina Viele, married Benjamin Corssen, a son of Captain Cornelis Corssen of Staten Island;
- No. 4. The house of Joannes Nevius, about 1655. The great granddaughter of Joannes Nevius, Margarietje Neeffies (Nevius) married Cornelis Corsen, of Bucks County, Pa., a grandson of Capt. Cornelis Corssen.

The building (No. 2) on the Northwest corner of Maiden Lane and Pearl St., was sold about 1657, by Fredrick Lubbertsen, to



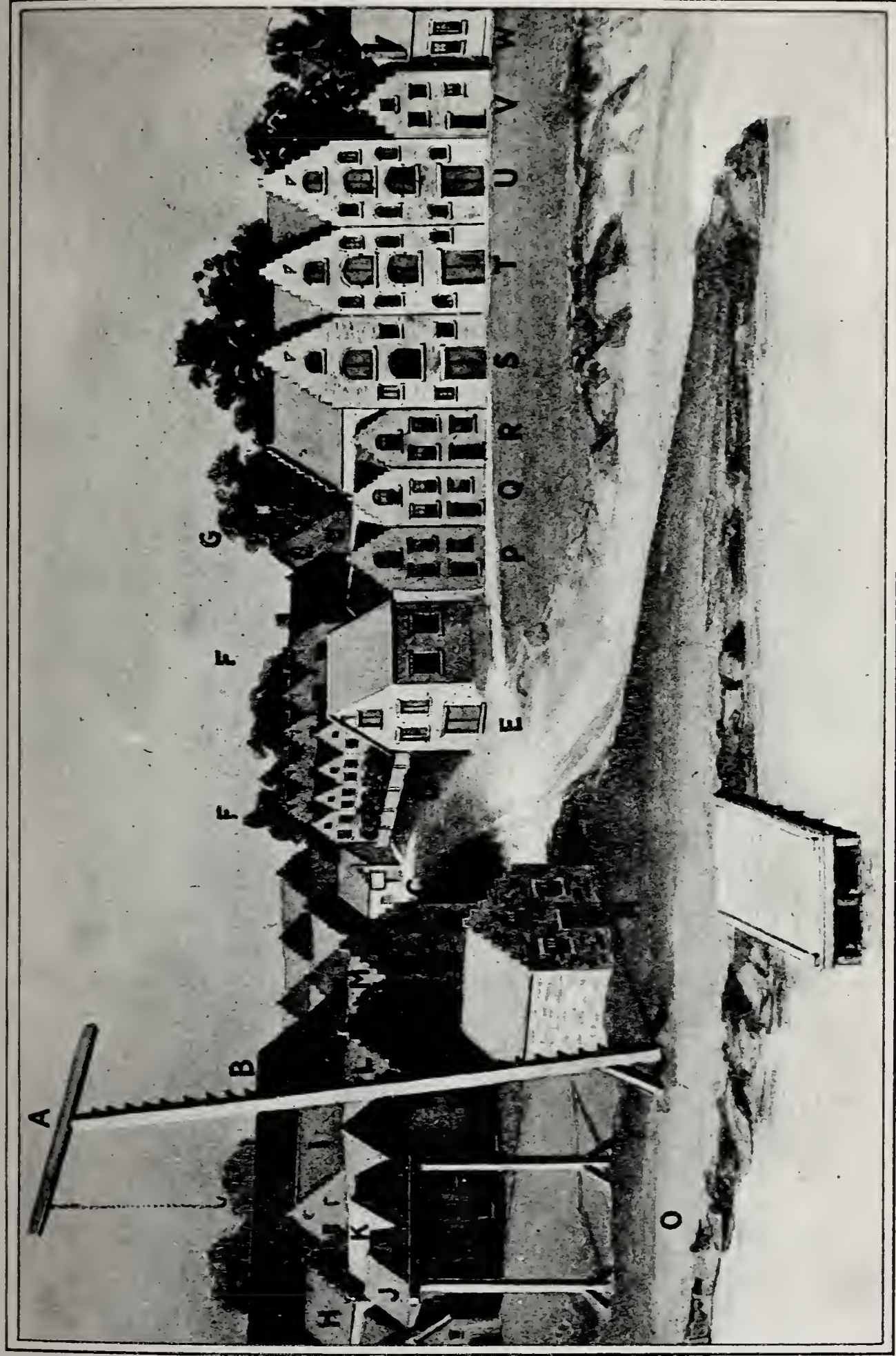
Maria Du Trieux and her second husband, Jan Peeck. The building designated No. 3, which seems to have been located at the intersection of the modern Exchange Place and Broadway, was probably the first house built on Broadway south of Wall St. after 1644, at which time a lease on this land to Jan Damen expired. Here in this building, Cornelis Volkertsen and Maria Du Trieux kept a tavern, probably until the death of Volkertsen, before 1650. Maria Du Trieux and her second husband, Jan Peeck, seem to have occupied the Lubbertsen house (No. 2) until about 1660, when they sold it to Cornelis Clopper. At this time they seem to have acquired the eastern half of the Lubbertsen Lot, which had been sold previously to Albert Cornelissen, and to have erected here a building used as a tavern, which remained in their possession for many years. Mr. Innes on page 302 of his history has the following: "This house, which must have occupied the site, or a part of the site of the present building, No. 207 Pearl Street, was just sufficiently removed from the observation of the town authorities to afford a convenient drinking house for Indian visitors to New Amsterdam, and is supposed to have been the seat of the illicit liquor traffic for which Mary Peeck was banished from Manhattan Island in 1664." This incident is related in a subsequent chapter.

You will probably agree with the compiler, that it is a privilege, enjoyed by few American families, to be able, almost three hundred years after, to see, in a view of New Amsterdam, the house occupied by the progenitor, and to see located on a plan of this early settlement, the buildings in which at least five maternal ancestors of our family lived and raised their children.

Tryntje Hendrickse probably came to New Amsterdam from Holland with her father, Hendrick Tomassen and her mother, Elsie Martense, very early, as we find her father had died and his widow had married Adam Roelantsen, the first schoolmaster of the settlement, before 1638. In that year the mother of Tryntje Hendrickse died and Cors Pietersen entered suit against Adam Roelantsen to recover his wife's interest in the estate of her deceased parents. Judgment was awarded the plaintiff and in the release that Cors Pietersen gave to Adam Roelantsen, in the settlement of this suit, the birthplace of Cors Pietersen was given at Langeraker, Holland. The entry regarding the suit brought by Cors Pietersen against Adam Roelantsen occurs under date of June 10, 1638, on page 11, vol. 4, New York Colonial Manuscripts and is listed in the Calendar of Dutch Mss. on page 62. A complete translation of the entry is as follows:



Enlarged from the Justus Danckers and Visscher Views of New Amsterdam



- A. The Hoisting Crane.
- B. Southeast Bastion of Fort Amsterdam.
- C. White Horse Tavern.
- D. House late of Dominie Bogardus.
- E. Old Store-House of West India Co.
- FF. The "Five Stone Houses" of West India Co.
- G. Brewery of West India Co.
- H. House of Cors Pietersen.

- I. House of Pieter van Conwenhoven.
- J. House of Jan Jansen Schepmoes.
- K. House of Gillis Pietersen.
- L. House of Eghbert van Borsum.
- M. House of Pieter Cornelissen van der Veen.
- N. House of Lambert van Valkenburgh.
- O. Schregers Hoek or Capoke.
- P. House of Hans Kiersted.

- Q. Rocloff Jansen Haies.
- R. Pieter Cornelissen.
- S. Paulus Leendertsen van der Grift.
- T. New Store-House of West India Co.
- U. Augustyn Heermans.
- V. Jacob Haie.
- W. Old Church and Lane.



PLAN OF NEW AMSTERDAM  
(NOW LOWER MANHATTAN ISLAND, NEW YORK CITY)  
ABOUT 1644

Traced from a Plat  
Compiled from the Dutch and English

Records by  
J. H. Innes



Note: Location of modern Wall St., Exchange Place, etc. Furnished by John R. Goubeaud, Engineering Dept., New York City.

#### REFERENCES

1. House of Cors Pietersen and Tryntje Hendricks about 1637 to 1657.
2. House of Fredrick Lubbertsen and Styntje Hendricks 1643-1657, owned after 1657 by Maria du Trieux and her second husband, Jan Peeck.
3. Home and Tavern of Cornelis Volkertsen and Maria du Trieux 1645 to 1657.
4. House of Joannes Nevius about 1655.
5. The old Bark Mill, used as the First Church.
6. Church and Parsonage of 1633.
7. Church in the Fort.
8. Store House of the West India Co.
9. Brewery of the West India Co.
10. "House of the Fiscal."
11. The Five Stone Shops of the West India Co.
12. The Bridge.
13. The Director General's House.
14. Stads Herbergh, the "Great Tavern."
15. Burghers Path.
16. Bever Graft (Beaver Street).
17. The Beaver Path.
18. Supposed Site of the First Windmill.



"Cors Pietersen, Plaintiff, vs Adam Roelantsen, Defendant. Regarding the inheritance of the late Adam Roelantsen's wife, who is the Plaintiff's wife's mother. The Court having examined the inventory signed by the Notary and witnesses and all debts, claims, furniture, etc., being deducted, it is decided that 12 gls. 10 st. are still due Cors Pietersen and no more."

In the final settlement the following release was given by Cors Pietersen, which release establishes :

**PROOF OF BIRTHPLACE OF CORS PIETERSEN  
IDENTITY OF HIS WIFE AND HER PARENTS**

New York Colonial Mss., (O'Callaghan Translations), vol. 1, p. 72.

"Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary of New Netherland, appeared Adam Roelantsen and Cors Pietersen from *Langer aer*, who in the presence of the underwritten witnesses and others in an amicable and friendly manner agreed and covenanted in manner and on the conditions following :

First, Adam Roelantsen shall pay to the above named Cors Pietersen, who is husbandth guardian of his wife, Tryntje Hendrickse, the sum of fifty carolus guilders, reckoned at 20 stivers the guilder, arising from the purchase which the above named Adam Roelantsen hath made of the aforesaid Cors Pietersen, in quality as aforesaid, of what his wife may have to claim from the paternal estate of her deceased father, Hendrick Tomassen, and her mother, Elsje Martense, whereby he, Cors Pietersen acknowledges to be fully paid and satisfied for what is aforesaid by Adam Roelantsen, him hereby releasing from all action and claim which I may in the least or at most have to set up on the part of my aforesaid wife, from her father's and mother's estate: I promise him, Adam Roelantsen from this time forever not to trouble him any more for what is aforesaid, either by myself, my wife or heirs, discharging him from all further demands. Moreover, I Cors Pietersen Promise not to revive any old dispute which has heretofore existed between Adam Roelantsen and me, all in good faith without guile or deceit; for all which I, the undersigned Cors Pietersen and Adam Roelantsen, pledge our persons and properties, movable and immovable without exception under the provincial court of Holland and all other courts, Judges and Justices, all in good faith.

Thus done and covenanted in Fort Amsterdam, this 27th January, 1639.

This is the + mark of Cors Pietersen, abovenamed.

Everhardus Boghardus, Eccl. Manahat.

Ulrich Lupoltt' Fiscal."

Cors Pietersen and Tryntje Hendrickse were members of the Dutch Reformed Church of New Amsterdam and their names appear in the list of old members of this Church as recorded on pages 498-9 of the Original Church Records of the Dutch Reformed Church, and a copy of this original record is listed in The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, Vol. 9, pp. 38-40.

That they were very active in the affairs of this Church is attested by the many times that they appeared as witnesses in the baptisms of the children of their friends and relatives.

Cors Pietersen and Tryntje Hendrickse had five children baptised as follows, and establishing :

#### PROOF OF ISSUE:

New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, Vol. 5, pp. 33, 86, 91, 96, & 151, listing baptismal records, copied from the original records of the Dutch Reformed Church of New Amsterdam, pp. 258, 264, 272, 278, & 288.

NO. PAGE ORIGINAL RECORDS DUTCH R. CH. N. A.	NO. PAGE GENEA. AND BIO- GRAPHICAL RECORD	DATE	OUDER (PARENT)	KINDER (CHILD)	GETUYGEN (WITNESSES)
258	33	June 7, 1643	Kors Pieterszen	Elsje	Marin Adriaen, Lysbeth Thys Corn. Bedert, Christina Vymen
264	86	April 23, 1645	Cos Pieterszen	Cornelis	Dirck Corneliszen, Marritje Lievens, Tryntje Cleas.
272	91	May 25, 1648	Cors Pieterszen	Grietje	Cleas Bording, Joris Rapalje Jacob Leendertszen van der Grift, Rebecca Fredrickse.
278	96	Mar. 5, 1651	Cors Pieterszen	Pieter	Fredrick Lubbertszen, en syn huys vr. (and his wife) Jochen Pieterszen, Peter Anthony.
288	151	Nov. 30, 1653	Cors Pieterszen	Hendrick	Jueriaen Blanck, Pieter Stough- tenburg, Aeltje van Tienhoven Hester ter Neuf.

Cors Pietersen died in 1655 at the age of forty-three years, a comparatively young man. When we read of the experiences of these pioneers under the misrule of such Director-Generals as Willem Kieft and Petrus Stuyvesant, and of the depredations of the Indians, it is likely that the short life of Cors Pietersen was full of trials and tribulations. Two years after the death of her husband, Tryntje Hendricks appeared before the Orphanmasters of New Amsterdam and stated her intention of marrying Fredrick Lubbertsen. This very interesting record appears in the archives of New Netherland ; and offers :



ADDITIONAL PROOF OF THE MALE ISSUE OF CORS PIETERSEN  
AND TRYNTJE HENDRICKS

LOCATION OF THEIR HOME ON PEARL STREET DESCRIBED

(Minutes of the Orphanmasters of New Amsterdam, 1655 to 1663) (Translated and edited under the auspices of the Committee on History and Translations of the Colonial Dames in the State of New York, by Berthold Fernow) (Vol. 1, pp. 37-41) :

"Whereas Tryntje Hendrickse, widow of Cors Pietersen, intends to become the wife of Fredrick Lubbertsen, widower of Styntje Hendrickse, and whereas said Tryntje has three infant children by Cors Pietersen, and wishes before remarriage to settle upon said children their paternal inheritance, so that when they come of age or marry they may receive, what is due them. Therefore the Orphanmasters commission as guardians Pieter Stoutenburgh and Jurrien Blanck, Burghers and inhabitants here, who are hereby authorized to make with said widow as guardians of the children either by inventory or appraisal of the estate, including debts and credits such an agreement on behalf of the children, as they shall deem best, subject to the approval of the Orphan's Chamber, when reported.

Done September 16, 1657."

"Today, the 19th of September 1657, appeared before me, Dirck van Schelluyne, Notary Public etc. and the below named witnesses, the virtuous Tryntje Hendrickse, widow of Cors Pietersen, assisted by Fredrick Lubbertsen, her present fiance and chosen guardian, parties of the first part, and Sieur Pieter Stoutenburgh with Jurriaen Blanck, guardians of the three children of said Tryntje and Cors, who declared, after having made an estimate of the estate and considered the statement of debts and credits, as far as they, the guardians, could discover them, they had agreed with each other concerning the settlement of their paternal estate for the children as follows: First, said Tryntje Hendricks shall be held and promises honestly to bring up her said three children, *named Cornelis Corssen, 12 years old, Pieter 6 years and Hendrick Corssen, 3 years*, as well as she can, to have them taught reading, writing and a good trade or occupation, so that in time to come they may earn their own living, further to instruct them in the fear of the Lord and in religious exercises and to do all, a good mother is bound to do, until said children shall come of age or marry; then she is to give to each child the sum of 600 fl. in such money or pay, as then shall be current here, besides she shall then furnish to each a good parcel of clothing, six shirts, six ———, six handkerchiefs, inscribing the aforesaid 1800 fl. for her sons specially upon *her house and lot on the North side of Pearl Street in this city, bounded on the South by said street, on the West by Isaack Grevenaad, on the North by Fort Amsterdam, on the East by Pieter van Couwenhoven*, and generally binding her person and property, real and personal, present and future, etc. etc.

Signed: This is + the mark of  
Tryntje Hendricks  
Fredrick Lubbertsen  
Pieter Stoutenburgh  
Jurriaan Blanck

Carel van Brugge, testis  
Hans Kierstede.

Dirck van Schelluyne, Notary Publ.

Surely the foregoing is a remarkable genealogical record. Here we have positive identification of the father, mother, and sons, as well as their stepfather; assurances that even if the father had passed on, that the sons were to receive a proper education, not only in worldly affairs, but also in a spiritual way; and a clear description of the location of their home.



## VII

### FREDRICK LUBBERTSEN AND FAMILY

Not only the foregoing entry of the Orphanmasters, but the baptismal and marriage records of the Dutch Reformed Church of New Amsterdam, have revealed an intermarriage of some of the prominent families of this pioneer settlement, that is very interesting and establishes that the Corson family is descended maternally by direct descent, as well as by marriage from Fredrick Lubbertsen, one of the most influential citizens and largest landowners of New Netherland.

Lubbertsen had come from Amsterdam, Holland, with his daughter, Rebecca, and wife, Styntje Hendrickse, who, according to some writers, was a sister of Tryntje Hendricks. Because of the fraternization of the families of Cors Pietersen and Fredrick Lubbertsen, the compiler feels there is much to warrant this belief, although the positive proof was not found. Lubbertsen, who was born about 1603, seems to have come to New Netherland as a sailor, as did his probable brother-in-law, Cors Pietersen. He is recorded as the chief boatswain to Director Kieft in 1638, and probably had been a citizen of New Amsterdam several years prior to this date. In 1641, he was one of the twelve men chosen by the commonality to punish the Indians for murder, and in 1643, purchased a house with about a half acre of land in the Smits Vly, for the sum of 1,600 guilders, or about \$640.00 of the present currency. One of the improvements that he made to this house was an oven, which he stipulated should be capable of baking, at one time, the equivalent in flour of a bushel and a half of grain, which indicated that he probably employed a considerable force of work-hands. He sold this house about 1657 to Jan Peeck, and removed to Breuckelen, where he took an active part in public affairs almost until his death.

In December, 1653, he represented Breuckelen in a general convention held in New Amsterdam, and in 1653, '55, '64, and '73, was a magistrate of this town; on the 17th of April, 1657, he was created a "Small Burgher" of New Amsterdam; in February, 1662, he was an unsuccessful candidate for Burgomaster of Breuckelen, and in July, 1663, represented this town in a convention called to secure the cooperation of the Dutch towns in a system of defense.



*Fredrick Lubbertsz 1639.*

FACSIMILE OF FREDRICK LUBBERTSZ'S AUTOGRAPH

(Stiles' History of Kings County Including Brooklyn, page 85)

Lubbertsen on May 27, 1640, received a patent from the Dutch Government, for a large tract at Gouwanus on Long Island, which extended from about the foot of the present Atlantic Avenue in Brooklyn, nearly a mile along the shore and back from the shore an equal distance. He took up his residence on this tract after he sold his home in the Smits Vly in 1657; here he resided for many years until his death in 1680. This homestead, which was situated near the junction of the present Hoyt and Warren Streets, Brooklyn, was occupied for many years by the descendants of Lubbertsen and his second wife, Tryntje Hendrickse. His large estate on Long Island was conveyed in his will, dated November 22, 1679, to his two daughters by the second marriage: Aeltje, who, September 3, 1682, married Cornelis Sebring; and Elsje, the wife of Jacob Hans Bergen. Their descendants are still to be found in Brooklyn. To the sons of his wife by her former marriage, he devised other lands.

Lubbertsen's daughter, Rebecca of his first wife, and Jacob Leendertsen van der Grift, who, May 25, 1648, were witnesses when Cors Pietersen and Tryntje Hendricks baptised their daughter, Grietje, were married on July 19, 1648. They probably lived for some time in New Amsterdam, but later moved to Newtown. Jacob Leendertsen van der Grift is said to have been one of the founders of Newtown, on Long Island. The marriage of Leendertsen and Rebecca is recorded on page 581 of the Original Dutch Reformed Church records, and a copy of same appears on page 38, Vol. 6, New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, as follows:

"July 19, 1648. Jacob Leendertsen van der Grift, j.m. (young man not before married) van Amsterdam en Rebecca Fredricks, j.d. (young maid not before married) als voren (from same place)."

Jacob Leendertsen van der Grift and his brother, Captain Leendertsen van der Grift, had come to New Netherland from Amsterdam, Holland, some years before the date of this marriage.

That Jacob van der Grift and Rebecca Fredricks should, before their marriage, witness the baptism of a daughter of Cors Pietersen,



and her father, Fredrick Lubbertsen and his first wife, Styntje Hendrickse, be witnesses at the baptism of the next child born to Cors Pietersen and Tryntje Hendrickse is interesting, as it signifies a very close friendship, if not relationship between the families. The children of Jacob Leendertsen van der Grift and Rebecca Fredrickse were :

MARRITJE, baptised Aug. 29, 1649 ;

CHRISTINA, baptised Feb. 16, 1651 ;

ANNA, baptised, Mar. 16, 1653 ;

LEENDERT, baptised Dec. 19, 1655 ;

NICOLAES, baptised May 5, 1658 ;

FREDRICK, baptised May 22, 1661 ;

RACHEL, baptised July 20, 1664 ;

JOHANNES, baptised June 26, 1667.

(Bound Vol. N. Y. Gen. & Biog. Soc., pp. 26, 29, 34, 40, 49, 61, 74, & 81.)

After Fredrick Lubbertsen had married Tryntje Hendrickse, the widow of Cors Pietersen, the date of which was between August 17 and October 13, 1657, and is recorded on page 581 of the marriage records of the Dutch Reformed Church, the three sons of Cors Pietersen, Cornelis, Pieter and Hendrick, lived with their mother and stepfather in his new home in Breuckelen. As no mention is found in the records of the daughters of Cors Pietersen, Elsje and Grietje, it may be assumed that they had died before the death of their father in 1655.

## VIII

### CORNELIS CORSSEN AND FAMILY

On March 11, 1666, an interesting wedding occurred; Cornelis Corssen, the eldest son of Cors Pietersen and Tryntje Hendrickse, married Marritje Jacobs van der Grift, the eldest child of Jacob Leendertsen van der Grift and Rebecca Fredrickse, and the granddaughter of Fredrick Lubbertsen and Styntje Hendrickse. The son of Tryntje Hendrickse married the granddaughter of her second husband. Thus it was that the descendants of Cornelis Corssen are descended maternally not only by marriage but by direct descent from Fredrick Lubbertsen. If Tryntje and Styntje Hendrickse were sisters, Cornelis Corssen had married his second cousin. The record of this marriage is found in the Original Church Record of the Dutch Reformed Church, page 619, and appears in Vol. 6, page 148 of the N. Y. Gen. & Biog. Record, as follows:

"March 11, 1666, Cornelis Corstenszen, j.m. (young man not before married) van N. Breuckelen en Marrytje Jacobs van der Grift, j.d. (young maid not before married) van N. Yorke."

It should be noted in this marriage record, that the name of Cornelis Corssen is given as "Cornelis Corstenszen," and that the name Corsten was here used as a patronymic instead of Cors. This is the only instance found in the records in which his name was written in this form and it was probably an error of the cleric, who entered the name on the Church records, in using Corsten, a variant form of Cors, as a patronymic and entering his name as Corstenszen, instead of Corssen, as the bridegroom, himself, wrote it. The reader will notice that the name when written by others is often spelled in various forms, but when used as a signature by Cornelis Corssen or his descendants for several generations, it is always spelled "Corssen" or "Corsen."

An examination of the tax lists of the village of Brooklyn revealed Fredrick Lubbertsen, his wife, and her sons, as owners of real and personal property. In the list appearing under the "Assessment of the Real and Personal Property of Inhabitants of Breuckelen made up on the 20th August, 1675" are found the names of Cornelis Corse, Fredrick Lubbertse, Pieter Corse and Hendrick Corse. In the "Assessment Roll of Breuckelen, made up Sept. 1676" are Hendrick Corsen, Pieter Corsen and Capt.



Cornelis (Corsen). In the "Valuation of Breuckelen, taken 26th Sept. 1683" are Tryntje Korssen, Pieter Korssen, and Hendrick Korssen. (History of Brooklyn, by Henry R. Stiles, Vol. 1, pp. 430-432. Also New York Documentary History, Vol. 4, pp. 144-150, Vol. 2, p. 475.)

From these records it is interesting to note, that Tryntje Hendrickse, who, in 1683 was again a widow, appears in the list as Tryntje Korssen, her last name being written in the patronymic form used by her sons. It was in 1656, while she was the widow of Cors Pietersen, that her name appeared in a baptismal record as Tryntje Corsen. However in 1683, the English were in control of the government and patronymic names were being adopted as family names, and it is likely in the latter case that she was given the last name of her sons, rather than the patronymic of her deceased first husband. From these tax records, we see that Cornelis Corssen was, as early as 1676, recorded as Captain, evidently for some military service. Again in 1689, he was commissioned as a Captain by the English government, as is shown by the following information stated on page 66, Annals of Staten Island, by Clute:

"In the same year, 1689, Leisler commissioned the following civil and military officers in Richmond County." In the list of civil officers appeared the name of "Cornelis Corsen, Justice," and in the military list appeared the name "Cornelis Corsen, Captain."

From the Ecclesiastical Records of the village of Brooklyn, it is possible to gain further information about Fredrick Lubbertsen, Tryntje Hendrickse, and her sons of her first husband, Cors Pietersen. In Henry R. Stiles' History of Brooklyn, Vol. 1, page 425, under, "Extracts from ancient records of the First Protestant Reformed Dutch Church, of Brooklyn," appeared a list of Church members, March 12, 1660, when the Church was first organized. In this list appeared the names of Fredrick Lubbertsen and Tryntje Hendrickse, also Jacob Leendertsen and Rebecca Fredrickse of Middlewout. On page 426 of the same volume, under, "Old and New Communicants of Brooklyn, extracted from a list of communicants in the Protestant Reformed Churches of Brooklyn, Flatbush, Flatland and, New Utrecht, from Sept. 6, 1677 to 1685," the following information concerning this family and its movements were found: Residing at the "Wale Bocht," Fredrick Lubbertsz (dead) and Tryntje his wife"; "Hendrick Corsen and Josina Pietersz van Neste, his wife, moved to Raritans" (New Jersey); Cornelis Corszen and Marritje vander Grift, his wife, moved to



Staten Island." "Pieter Corsz and Caterine vander Beek, his wife, removed to New York."

Cornelis Corssen and his family removed to Staten Island about 1678. Here Captain Cornelis raised his family, destined to become one of the most influential on the Island, and also became one of the largest landowners of the County. In the "Annals of Staten Island," pages 358-59, Clute says, under the caption "CORSEN":

"This is one of the oldest, and at one time among the most influential families on the Island. In this instance, as in most of the other old families, we have been able to obtain only shreds of its history, none of those now bearing the name being in possession of a genealogical descent.—— The first mention of the name in connection with Staten Island occurs December 30, 1680, in a patent bearing that date, conveying to Cornelis Corsen, Andries Juriansen, Derrick Cornelisen and John Petersen, 180 acres of land, 60 acres of which belonged to Corsen, and 40 acres to each of the others. This land is referred to in the patent of Gov. Dongan to Palmer, and mentioned as the land belonging to Cornelis Corsen and Company.

"Another patent to the same parties, of the same date, conveyed 320 acres of land lying westward of, and bounded by the Mill Creek, besides 32 acres of salt meadow 'where most convenient.' This Cornelis is designated as Captain in a record in Albany, dated December 21, 1680. We find him mentioned again in the County records as being plaintiff in a suit in January, 1681."

In HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL MISCELLANY, by John E. Stillwell, Vol. 1, page 7, in Richmond County (Staten Island) Records, under date of Sept. 5, 1681, Captain Cornelis Corsen is recorded as plaintiff in an action in which Ananias Turner was Defendant. On page 17 of the above volume, Captain Cornelis Corssen, in the year 1681, is recorded as being paid a bounty for killing a wolf. Also on this page "Cornelios Corson" is recorded as a Constable in the year 1681.

Cornelis Corssen died sometime between December 9, 1692 and December 7, 1693, for on the first named date he signed his will and on the latter date, it was probated. The following copy of this will was certified, as a correct transcript of the original record, by James F. McLaughlin, Clerk of the Surrogate's Court of the County of New York.

#### LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF CORNELIS CORSSSEN

Registered for Maritie Corssen Widow Relict & Executrix to Cornelis Corssen dec'd.

In the name of God Amen: I Cornelis Corssen of Staten Island within the county of Richmond in the province of New Yorke in America being sick in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory praise be therefore Given to Almighty God doe make and ordaine this my Present Last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say first and principally I



commend my Soule into the Hands of Almighty God hoping through the merrits Death and Passion of Jesus Christ my Savior to have full and free pardon and foregiveness of all my sins and to inheritt Everlasting life and my body I commit to the Earth to be decently buryed at the discretion of Executrix hereafter and Touching the disposition of all such Temporall Estate as itt hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I give and dispose thereof as followeth

First I will that my debts and funerall charges shall be paid and Discharged

Item all the Rest residue of my Reall and personall Estate watsoever Lands and Tenements goods and chattels I doe give and bequeath unto my Loving and Deare wife Maritie Corssen for and during her naturall Live and after her decease the same Lands, Tenements Goods and chattels shall be Equally Divided between all my children Each child to have an equall portion or share but if my said wife Maritie Corssen shall happen to marry then my will and meaning is that the one halfe of all my Estate both Goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements at the time of such her marriage shall be equally Divided between my children sufficient security being given by said wife That the youngest childrens parte and portion of the same or soo many of my children as att the time of her marriage are not of the age of twenty-one years that the same shall be payd faithfully to each of them when they shall attain or come to the age of Twenty-one years as aforesaid Dureing which age of twenty-one yeares my will & meaning is that such young childe portion or parts shall be and Remaine in the hands of my said wife, Maritie Corssen for such young childe or childrens Education she giving security for due payment of the same as afosd. and if any of my children shall to dye before they come or attain to the age of twenty-one years that then such childe or childrens part shall be equally divided amonst such of my children as shall happen to survive and I doe hereby make my Loving and deare wife Maritie Corssen before mentioned full sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking and making void all former Wills & Testament by me heretofore made.

In Wittness whereof I the said Cornelis Corssen to this my last Will & Testament have sett my hand & seale the nineth day of December in the yeare of our Lord Christe 1692.

CORN. CORSSEN (SEALE)

Sealed and subscribed by the said Cornelis Corssen in presence of

Cornelis (X) Nephews

Peter (X) Staes

Tho. Carhartt

STATE OF NEW YORK,

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK,ss

I, James F. McLaughlin, Clerk of the Surrogate's Court of said City and County, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the last Will and Testament of Cornelis Corssen, deceased, with the original record thereof now remaining in this office, and have found the same to be a correct transcript therefrom and the whole of such record.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Surrogate's Court of the City and County of New York, this

15th day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

(SEAL) JAMES F. McLAUGHLIN,  
Clerk of the Surrogate's Court.

(Copied from THE CORSON FAMILY by Hiram Corson, M.D.)

The last record, in which the name of Captain Cornelis Corssen's widow, Maritje Corssen was mentioned, was found in connection with the settlement of the estate of her late husband, in the administration of which she was named Executrix. This record, as given on page 21, Vol. 1, Historical Miscellany, by John E. Stillwell, follows:

"Richmond Co., Oct. 10, 1696.

Then received of Marey Corsone The widow of Cornelios Corsone The sum of six pounds, one shilling, which is in full of all debts devos bills ackts or any other Accounts from the beginning of the world unto the present day and date as witness my hand and seale the day and yeare Above mentioned."

"JOHN WASTSON (SELE)"

Maritje Corssen probably died less than two years later, as the estate conveyed to her, "for and during her naturall life," by the will of her late husband, had passed into the hands of her children, prior to Sept. 1698.

Cornelis Corssen and Maritje Jacobse van der Grift had the following children:

- 1 CATHERINA CORSSSEN, baptised ———;
- 2 JACOB CORSSSEN, born 1675;
- 3 CHRISTIAAN CORSSSEN, born 1676;
- 4 CORNELIA CORSSSEN, bapt. Aug. 13, 1681;
- 5 BENJAMIN CORSSSEN, born 1686;
- 6 DANIEL CORSSSEN, born 1688, bapt. Nov. 28, 1690.

#### PROOF OF THE IDENTITY OF THE SIX CHILDREN OF CORNELIS CORSSSEN & MARITJE VAN DER GRIFT

The original baptismal record of the fourth child, Cornelia, was reproduced on page 62, Kings County Genealogical Club Collection as follows:

DATE	CHILD	PARENTS	WITNESSES
Aug. 13 1681	Cornelia	Cornelis Corsen Vroom Marritje Jacobse Vroom	Hendrick Corsen Vroom Annetje Jacobs Vandergrist

The original baptismal record of the youngest son, Daniel, as recorded in the Dutch Reformed Church of New Amsterdam, was reproduced in Vol. 2, page 199, New York Genealogical and Biographical Club Collections, as follows:



DATE	OULDERS (PARENTS)	KINDER (CHILD)	GETUIGEN (WITNESSES)
A° 1690 den 28 Nov.	Cornelis Corssen Marritje van Der Grist	Daniel	Jacob van der Grist en plaets Van der Vader (in place of the father), Daniel Veenvos, Jacob Mauritszen, Grietje Van der Grist.

The witnesses to the baptism of Cornelia were a brother of the father and a sister of the mother. The witnesses to Daniel's baptism were: Jacob van der Grist, his grandfather, who appeared in place of the father; Daniel Veenvos, who, as the husband of Christina van der Grist, Maritje's sister, was the baby's uncle; Jacob Mauritszen; Grietje van der Grist, another sister of the mother. The first Daniel in the family was evidently named after his uncle, and this name appeared in generation after generation, my brother being named, Daniel, and his son, likewise. Benjamin and Cornelis were also names that appeared in many following generations.

The baptismal records of Cornelia and Daniel were the only baptisms of the six children found in the records, and one of these, Cornelia, had been baptised in the Dutch Church of Brooklyn and the other, Daniel, in New York. As the family at this time lived on Staten Island, it was necessary in order to baptise these children, to make in addition to several miles of travel over land, about a six-mile journey over water. Because these two children were baptised in Churches other than on Staten Island, and because the baptismal records of the other children were not found, it is reasonable to assume that the Dutch Reformed Church on Staten Island had been destroyed and their records lost. This assumption seems verified by Clute, page 256, in his ANNALS OF STATEN ISLAND, by the following:

"In 1714, Governor Hunter executed a grant to the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, to build a new Church on the North Shore, probably on the site of the one, as was said above, existed thirty-four years before."

Notwithstanding the fact that baptismal records of only two of the six children of Capt. Cornelis Corssen and Maritje van der Grist were found in the records, it has been possible by the record of deeds, by which Catherina, Christiaen, Cornelia, and Benjamin conveyed their one-sixth interest in the estate of their deceased father to their brother, Jacob, and the record of a census of Staten Island, taken about 1706, to definitely fix the number and names of Capt. Cornelis Corssen's surviving children and to determine the year of birth of his sons.



By these deeds, a complete record of which is given hereafter, the number of surviving children was definitely fixed at six, because each conveyed a one-sixth interest in their father's estate. In the census record of Staten Island, recorded on page 80, Vol. 42, New York Colonial Manuscripts, and reproduced on pages 151-2-3-4-5, Vol. 1, Historical Miscellany, by John E. Stillwell, the names of the men, women, boys and girls are given in four separate columns, and opposite the names of the men, the age of each was recorded. Although the year the census was taken did not appear in the record, it has been fixed at 1706, by taking the known dates of birth of persons in this census and adding the age given in the census record. In the column recording the names and ages of the men appear only four persons bearing the name, Corson. They appear in the list consecutively as follows:

(NAMES)	(AGES)
Criste Jan (Christiaen) Corson	30
Daniel Corson	18
Benjamin Corson	20
Jacob Corson	31

In the column listing the names of the women appear only two persons bearing the name, Corson. They were:

Anna Corson, who was Christian's wife appearing sometimes in the baptismal records as Antje Corssen and sometimes as Antje Croesen, her maiden name; and Elizabeth Corson, who was Jacob's wife, also often recorded in the records as Elizabeth Viele, her name before marriage. Also listed in the names under the women's column, was Cornelia Croesen, who, before her marriage to Hendryck Croesen, was Cornelia Corssen. The names of Jan Staats or his wife, Catherina (Corssen) Staats did not appear in this census record, indicating that they may not have lived on the Island during the taking of the census, but from the record of her deed, conveying her one-sixth interest in her deceased father's estate to her brother, Jacob, it is clearly established that she was one of the two daughters surviving her parent's death. Thus was it definitely established that there were six surviving children, whose names were clearly fixed as Catherina, Jacob, Christiaen, Cornelia, Benjamin and Daniel.

A careful study of the baptismal records also seemed to verify this statement. The reader will notice that the names, Catherina, Jacob, Christiaen, Cornelia, and Benjamin appear many times either as parents or witnesses in these records. It must, however, always be borne in mind that, although, the Dutch custom usually prevailed



and the maiden name of the wife was used, that the English customs were coming into use and sometimes the married name of the wife was used. Thus Catherina Staats and Catherina Corssen are always the same person, and that Cornelia Croesen and Cornelia Corssen or Elizabeth Viele and Elizabeth Corssen are the same individuals.

The name of no one who could be identified as Captain Cornelis Corssen's son, Daniel, was found in any of the Church records, after his baptismal record in 1690. That he was living on Staten Island, in 1706, is verified by the census record of the Island of that year. In the New York Historical Society's Collections, Abstracts of Wills, of New York County, page 91, Vol. 2, is found the following record:

"Liber 8, page 130. Whereas Daniel Coursen of Staten Island, died intestate, Letters of administration are granted to Jacob Coursen, his eldest brother and heir at Law, August 13, 1712."

Daniel no doubt had died earlier in the same year, at the age of twenty-four years. Thus Daniel's interest in the estate of his father passed to the eldest son, Jacob, who now was the sole owner of this vast estate, the other brothers and sisters having already deeded their rights to Jacob.

#### THE DEEDS

The following certified copy of the deed from Benjamin to Jacob Corssen is submitted as proof that Benjamin Corssen was the son of Cornelis and Maritje.

"This following deed was Recorded for Jacob Corson the twenty-seventh day of March, 1733.

"THIS INDENTURE made this Twenty-fourth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eleven-twelve and in the Tenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Ann over England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Queen Defender of the Faith & Between Beniamine Corson of Staten Island in the County of Richmond, in the province of New York, owner on the one part and Jacob Corson of the same place and County Yoeman on the other part.

WITNESSETH that the said Beniamine Corson for divers causes and good considerations *him there unto moneing* but more especially for a valuable sum of money by him in hand received the receipt whereof he doth acknowledge and himself of all and every part and parcel thereof fully satisfied contented and paid hath given, granted, bargained, sold, enfeoffed, released and confirmed and by these presents doth give, bargain, sell, enfeoff and release.

ALL and singular a certain part and parcel of land and being on Staten Island, in the County aforesaid and being a *sixt* part of the land and tenement

of Cornelius Corson of the same County deceased being in quantity more or less as it lyeth and being the right and possession of the aforesaid Beniamine Corson as by the Last Will and Testament of the aforesaid Cornelius Corson relation thereunto being had may more fully and at large appear the above-said Jacob Corson.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD to him and his heirs forever clearly acquitted and forever discharged the said Jacob Corson of all rents, mortgages, *dowers* incumbrances whatsoever hath shall or may arise upon the said part or parcel of land together with houses, barns, orchards, fences, wood, lumber, trees, timberwood, rivers, riverlets, water courses, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto the aforesaid part and parcel of land and tenement and the abovesaid Beniamine Corson doth hereby bind himself, his heirs, *executors* and assigns to and with the above Jacob Corson, his heirs and assigns forever to warrant and defend the aforesaid part of land and tenement in the quiet possession and peaceable enjoyment of the said Jacob Corson abovesaid from any person or persons whatever laying any claim, right or title or interest whatsoever to the aforesaid part of land and premises. And to give any further confirmation of the aforesaid land and tenements and premises as he the said Jacob Corson or his Council learned in the law shall require to have been made, done or committed to this indenture and the said performance thereof the above sd Beniamine Corson hath hereunto set his hand and fixed his seal the day and year first written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of :

*John (X) Woglum Junr.*

*Adrian Van Woglum*

*Oswald Ford*

BENIAMINE CORSON (SEALE)

December the 8th Day, 1732.

MEMORANDUM: Came before me ABRAHAM COLE one of his Magistee Justices for the County of Richmond Adrian Van Woglum and being sworn he declared upon oath that he was present witness to the within writen deed and that he did see the within named BENIAMINE CORSON sign, seale and deliver the same as his voluntary act and deed and having possessed the same I find no interlineations nor erasing only the name of Jacob and I do allow it to be recorded, acknowledged before me.

ABRAHAM COLE.

Recorded in Richmond Clerk's Office in Liber C of Deeds at page 444, Mar. 27, 1733.

Joseph Egbert,  
Clerk.

STATE OF NEW YORK:

ss.:

COUNTY OF RICHMOND,

I, JAMES L. VAIL, Clerk of the County of Richmond do Hereby Certify, that I have compared the foregoing with the original DEED recorded in this office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original.

Witness my hand and official seal this 19th  
day of November, one thousand nine hundred  
and twenty-nine.

James L. Vail,  
Clerk.



The other three deeds by which Catherina, Christiaen, and Cornelia Corsen each conveyed a one-sixth interest in the estate of their deceased father, Cornelis Corssen, were similar to the deed of Benjamin as aforesaid.

The deed of John Petersen Stace (Staats) and Katherine, his wife, to Coll. Jacob Corson was dated Sept. 28, 1698, acknowledged Dec. 2, 1732, and recorded Dec. 7, 1732, in LIBER C of deeds, page 430, Richmond County, N. Y.

The deed of Christean Corson and his wife, Antea, to Jacob Corson, was dated Sept. 28, 1698, acknowledged Dec. 2, 1732, and recorded Dec. 7, 1732, in LIBER C of deeds, page 432, Richmond County, N. Y.

The deed of Cornelia Corson, wife of Hendrick Cruza (Croesen) to Jacob Corson was dated Sept. 28, 1698, acknowledged Dec. 2, 1732, and recorded Dec. 8, 1732, in LIBER C of deeds, Richmond County, Staten Island, N. Y.

The witnesses to these three deeds were John Waglum (Jan Jansen van Woggelum); Joseph Arosmith; Derik Cruza (Derrick Croesen); and Oswald Ffoord.

In HISTORICAL MISCELLANY, by John E. Stillwell, M.D., Vol. 1, a very complete record of baptisms of the Dutch Reformed Church of Staten Island, was found from the year 1696 on. These records were exact reproductions of the original Church records and were given in the Dutch language, with no attempt to correct spelling or other errors.

The Corssen family, as indicated by these records, was very clanish, or closely united, as in almost all their baptismal records, the witnesses were the uncles or aunts or other members of the family of the father or mother. From these and other records available, the compiler has been able to reconstruct the families of most of the children of Capt. Cornelis Corssen, with a degree of accuracy, that leaves little doubt of the identity of his children.

In the records quoted the compiler endeavors to give the record with the same spelling of the names, as found in the reference. While the spelling of the names varies considerable, the reader should have no trouble in identifying the person named.

But before we continue the story of the descendants of Captain Cornelis Corssen, it may be more proper to see what the records hold concerning Pieter and Hendrick Corssen, the two younger brothers of Captain Cornelis. The account of Cornelis Corssen's descendants is continued on page 75.

## IX

### PIETER CORSSSEN, THE SECOND SON OF CORS PIETERSEN

Pieter Corssen, the second son of Cors Pietersen and Tryntje Hendricks, married Oct. 19, 1679, Catherina Van Der Beek and resided in Breuckelen. That portion of the original estate of Fredrick Lubbertsen, devised to his step-sons, Pieter and Hendrick Corssen, finally passed into the hands of the former. These lands seem to have been conveyed to others, for in 1689, Pieter conveyed to Dirck Janse Woortman a small island and some meadows toward Red Hook, inside of Graver's Kill, since known as Remsens Island; he also mortgaged to Thomas Lamberse, land and meadows at Fredrick Lubbertsen's Hook in Breuckelen, and at the same time owned other land in the vicinity. (See Liber 1 of Conveyances, pp. 157 & 180 in Kings Co. Reg. Office.) On Aug. 19, 1689, John Marsh of New Jersey, entered into an agreement with Pieter Corssen and his brother-in-law, Cornelis Sebring, for the erection of a water mill to be built upon the meadows of Corssen and Sebring. (Lib. 1, p. 271 of Con. Kings Co. Reg. Office.) This mill in later years was known as Cornell's mill.

On Mar. 28, 1698, Pieter Corssen conveyed to Cornelis Sebring for 250 pounds, his land on what was called Lubbertsen's Neck, containing 180 acres. (Lib. 2, p. 164, of Kings Co.) By a bond executed on Mar. 20, 1698, it appears that Cornelis Sebring bound himself to maintain Pieter Corssen, and to furnish him with reasonable board, clothing, etc., suitable for a person in his station of life, or to pay the expense of same. (Lib. 2, p. 164, of Kings Co.) From this we must infer that Pieter Corssen's wife was, at this time, dead, and that he had no surviving children.



## X

### HENDRICK CORSSSEN, THE YOUNGEST SON OF CORS PIETERSEN AND HIS DESCENDANTS, THE VROOMS OF NEW JERSEY

Hendrick Corssen, the youngest son of Cors Pietersen and Tryntje Hendricks, was only a little over one year old when his father died in 1655. When he was three years old his mother married Fredrick Lubbertsen. Hendrick's eldest brother, Cornelis, was ten years old and Pieter was four when the father died. When the mother, "Tryntje Hendricks, widow of Cors Pietersen, assisted by Fredrick Lubbertsen, her present fiance and chosen guardian," appeared before the Orphanmasters of New Amsterdam, with the guardians appointed by the Court, to arrange for the paternal inheritance of her three fatherless babies, the first born to the Corson family in America, she obligated herself as follows: "First said Tryntje Hendricks shall be held and promises *honestly* to bring up her said three children, named Cornelis Corssen, twelve years old, Pieter six years and Hendrick Corssen, three years, as well as she can, to have them taught reading, writing and a good trade or occupation, so that in time to come they may make their own living, further to instruct them in the fear of the Lord and in religious exercises and to do all a good mother is bound to do, until said children shall come of age or marry."

That this mother and her "chosen guardian" kept, sacredly, this beautiful pledge is proved conclusively by the lives of her sons. In all of the many records history holds concerning these men and their families, the writer found not one that gave the least suspicion of an unlawful or dishonest act. From these records, we know they were good business men; they were patriotic men; and they were devoutly religious and God-fearing citizens. The Dutch word "Vroom" could mean brave, pious, gentle, or kind and was occasionally used as an additional designative to the patronymic names of Cornelis and Hendrick Corssen by their friends and neighbors. As explained in the Chapter, THE PATRONYMIC SYSTEM OF THE DUTCH AND THE ORIGIN OF THE NAME CORSSSEN, page 17, the children of Hendrick Corssen dropped the patronymic "Corssen" and used the additional designative "Vroom" as their family name and are so known today.

Some genealogists have claimed that "Vroom" was the permanent name, used previously by the family, several generations back. The writer cannot accept this supposition, as there does not seem to be anything in the records to substantiate or even suggest the theory. As stated heretofore, it can be safely said that the name "Vroom" was not in any instance in the records applied to the name of Cors Pietersen. And again, under the patronymic system, at its height among the Dutch people of this period, it was not uncommon for a name signifying a personal characteristic to be added to the patronymic.

Hendrick Corssen married, prior to 1677, Josina Pieterse van Neste, daughter of Pieter van Neste and Judith Rapalie. Pieter van Neste came from Amsterdam, Holland, to Long Island in 1647, settling at Breuckelen. His wife was Judith, the daughter of Joris Rapalje and Catalina Trice. Hendrick's name appears in the assessment rolls of Breuckelen, taken in 1675, 1676, and 1683. (Stile's History of Brooklyn, Vol. 1, pp. 430, 432; New York Documentary History, Vol. 2, p. 475.)

Hendrick Corssen and his family moved to the Raritan River district of New Jersey between 1683 and 1685, as a list of the "Old and New Communicants of Brooklyn," as extracted from the records of the Dutch Reformed Church, from Sept. 6, 1677 to 1685, records the following: "Hendrick Corsen and Josina Pietersz van Neste, his wife, moved the Raritans." (Stile's History of Brooklyn, Vol. 1, p. 426.)

Hendrick Corssen and Josina Pietersen van Neste seem to have had the following children:

CORS, bapt. June 7, 1677;  
 JUDITH, bapt. Mar. 16, 1679;  
 HENDRICK, bapt. May 7, 1683;  
 KATRYNA, bapt. Apr. 6, 1689;  
 HANS;  
 REYSTE or RYCE.

The baptismal record of Cors was found to be recorded in the records of the Dutch Reformed Church of New York, while Hendrick and Katryna were baptised in the Dutch Church of Brooklyn. The historian, Bergen, in his Early Settlers of Kings County, page 283, mentions Judith as the second child and gives the date of baptism as Mar. 16, 1679. I do not know where Mr. Bergen found this record, but it would seem that she was named after her grandmother, Judith Rapalie.



Hans and Reyst or Ryce Vroom are named as sons, because the following records make it difficult to identify them otherwise: On Aug. 6, 1712, Hans Vroom and wife baptised two daughters. One was named, Jesyntien, the witnesses being Isaac Bodien and wife; the other was named, Meritien, the witnesses being named as Jesyntien ——— and Daniel Sebrege. (Somerset County Hist. Quarterly, Vol. 2, p. 140.) On Aug. 28, 1705, Reyst Koorse (Korsen) and Jantien van Neste witnessed the baptisms of Theunis, son of Derck Middage. On Apr. 30, 1712, Reyst Vroom and Katryna van Neste witnessed the baptism of Jan, son of Dote Eduert. (Somerset County Hist. Quarterly, Vol. 2, pp. 43 and 140, Baptisms Raritan Dutch Reformed Church.) Finally, Mr. G. A. Vroom of Hackensack, N. J., tells of the possession of a marriage license of Ryce Vroom of Somerset County and Gartright Stevens, of Somerset, widow, dated Sept. 6, 1718. (Somerset County Hist. Quarterly, Vol. 4, p. 239.) Reyst Vroom was no doubt the youngest son of Hendrick Corssen. Nothing further was found about Hans and Reyst Vroom or their families.

The baptismal records of Cors, Hendrick, and Katryna, follow:

DATE	PARENTS	CHILD	WITNESSES
June 27, 1677	Hendrick Corsen Josyntie Pieters	Corsen (Cors)	Pieter Van Neste Judith Rappalje
(N. Y. Gen. & Biog. Record, Vol. 8, p. 123.)			
May 7, 1683	Hendrick Corsen Jesna Pieters	Hendrick	Pieter Van Neste, Jr. Jakemynntie Pieters
Apr. 6, 1689	Hendrick Corsen Jesina Pieters	Katryna	Pieter Van Neste Aeltje Fredericks
(Kings County Gen. Club Collections, pp. 63, 70.)			

In the baptismal record of June 27, 1677, the name of the child, "Corsen" was, evidently, an error of the officating Clergyman, as this son of Hendrick Corssen, throughout his life was known as "Cors." He, no doubt, was named after his grandfather, Cors Pietersen; this circumstance again showing that "Cors" was a name by itself, not an abbreviation or nickname. As there is no record of a will on intestacy of Hendrick Corssen, in the State of New Jersey, either in the name of Corssen or Vroom, the date of Hendrick's death, or additional information from this source concerning his surviving children was not found.

## A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF CORS CORSSSEN-VROOM AND HIS DESCENDANTS

CORS CORSSSEN-VROOM was the eldest son of Hendrick Corsen and Josina Petersen van Neste. From the baptismal records of the Raritan Dutch Reformed Church, it was found that Cors Corsen or Vroom married Catryn ——— prior to the year, 1700. From that year until 1718, they baptised ten children in the First Dutch Reformed (Somerville) Church. It is interesting to note, while in nine of these baptisms the father is recorded as "Cors Vroom," that when the third child was baptised the father is recorded as "Kors Korssen."

These baptismal records follow :

DATE	PARENTS	CHILD	WITNESSES
Apr. 30, 1700	Cors Vroom and Wife	Hendrick	Jacob Sebrege and Wife
Apr. 21, 1702	Cors Vroom and Catryn	Jan	Jeronimas Van Neste and Wife
Aug. 1, 1704	Kors Korssen and Wife	Kristiaen	Joris Van Neste and Wife
Apr. 3, 1706	Kors Vroom and Wife	Michiell	Derck Middage and Kaetien Kurs
Apr. 28, 1708	Kors Vroom and Wife	Abraham	————— —————
Nov. 2, 1710	Kors Vroom and Wife	Isaack	Hendrick Menlenaers and Wife
Nov. 2, 1711	Kors Vroom and Wife	Jacob	Anna Beekman Jacob Stoll
Jan. 3, 1714	Kors Vroom and Wife	Petrus	Isack Bobyn and Wife
Apr. 22, 1716	Kors Vroom and Wife	Reyst	Hendrick Menlenaers and Wife
Oct. 22, 1718	Kors Vroom and Katryn	Katryntie	Andres and Arejaentie Teniech

(Somerset Co. Hist. Quar. V. 2, pp. 40, 41, 42, 43, 45, 138, 139, 141, 143, 145.)

KRISTIAEN VROOM, the third son of Kors Korssen-Vroom and Katryn, was the only one of the ten children, whose history was identified. A careful search of the records revealed nothing definite concerning the other nine, although Jacob Vroom, who married Elizabeth Schoonmack and baptised a daughter, Deborah, on Aug. 17, 1746, and many others whose records were found, were evidently descendants of Cors and Katryn. Kristiaen Vroom, the third son, died prior to Oct. 9, 1756. He had one son :



CHRISTIAN VROOM, who on Oct. 9, 1756, gave up his right of administering his deceased father's estate in favor of Edward Antell or Hendrick Lane, creditors.

The residence of the deceased was given as Hunterdon County, N. J. On Oct. 12, 1756, the bond of Hendrick Lane of Middlesex County as administrator and of Barnerdus Lagrange, Gent., of the same county, as fellowbondsman, were approved.

(New Jersey Archives, Vol. 32, p. 343.)

CHRISTIAN VROOM, JR., the son of Kristiaen Vroom, married Gertrude Swaim. The license for this marriage was issued, Apr. 5, 1757, to "Christian Vroom of Lebanon (Hunterdon Co.) and Gertrude Swum (Swaim), Staten Island. (N. J. Arch. V. 22, p. 429.) She was the daughter of Tys Swaim and Catherina Merrill. Christian and Gertrude (Swaim) Vroom settled on the western shore of Staten Island, occupying a portion of the John West Patent, then owned by the descendants of Richard Merrill. The house, they are said to have occupied, was located on a sand dune, known as the Big Hummock, and was standing after 1910. They were the ancestors of most of the Staten Island Vrooms.

Christian and Gertrude Vroom probably had a large family, but as the records of the Dutch Reformed Church of Staten Island are incomplete from 1757 to 1790, a complete record of their children was not obtained. The census of 1790 shows Christian Vroom with five males under sixteen years, four females and three slaves; also a Matthias Vroom with one male under sixteen, four females, and one slave. Matthias may have been a son of Christian and Gertrude. Christian and Gertrude Vroom are known to have had two sons, and one daughter as follows:

CHRISTIAN VROOM, III;

ELIZABETH VROOM, baptised, July 1, 1787, in the new Dutch Church at the North side of Staten Island.

On a loose piece of paper in the register of baptisms of this church, containing incomplete baptismal records, the names of John and George Vroom appeared. They probably were children of Christian and Gertrude. (Stillwell's Hist. and Gen. Miscellany, Vol. 1, p. 147.)

CHRISTIAN VROOM, III, the son of Christian, II, and Gertrude (Swaim) Vroom, married Mary White. They resided on Staten Island and had four children:

WILLIAM WHITE VROOM, bapt. Nov. 7, 1790, died young;

CHRISTOPHER VROOM, bapt. 1793;

GERTRUDE VROOM, bapt. 1803;

MARY VROOM, married John Wood in 1823.

CHRISTOPHER VROOM, the son of Christian, III, and Mary (White) Vroom, married Maria Housman, the daughter of a carpenter, whose trade Christopher continued so ably that he was called the "Christopher, Wren of Staten Island." They had nine children:

1. PETER VROOM, born 1819, died 1820;
2. WILLIAM V. VROOM, born 1821, died 1897, married Catherine Egbert and had six children;
3. GEORGE WASHINGTON VROOM, born 1823, died 1896, married Elizabeth Taylor of Philadelphia, established a general store at Four Corners in 1854, which has been continued by his son, George W. Vroom, II, and grandson, George W. Vroom, III;
4. ANCIL VROOM, born 1826, died 1894, married Mary Vaughan;
5. GARRIT VROOM, born 1828, died 1911, married, 1854, Mary Elizabeth Martling;
6. ALBERT VROOM, born 1825, died 1891, married, 1859, Caroline Laforge;
7. MARY ANN VROOM, born 1830;
8. CATHERINE VROOM, born 1833, died 1867, married, 1860, George L. Reeder;
9. RICHARD B. VROOM, born 1838, died 1912, married, 1862, Eleanor Briggs.

## J HENDRICK CORSSSEN-VROOM AND HIS DECENDANTS

HENDRICK CORSSSEN-VROOM, baptised May 7, 1683, seems to have been the second son of Hendrick Corssen and Josina Pietersen Van Neste. He no doubt, was born in Brooklyn and removed when not over two years old to the Raritan River, N. J., district with his parents. He married, first, Jan. 21, 1711, Jennetje Hansen Bergen, baptised May 27, 1688, the daughter of Joris Hansen Bergen and Sara Stryker, and, second, Jan. 18, 1745, Dottie Dumont, a widow. He resided in Bridgewater Township, Somerset County, N. J., and had at least nine children. They were:

1. JOSYNTIEN VROOM, baptised Oct. 15, 1717, in the First Reformed Dutch (Somerville) Church, witnesses, Jacob Sebregh (Sebring) and wife;
2. SAERTJE or SARA VROOM, bapt. Feb. 28, 1720, in the same church, witnesses, Daniel Sebring and wife, Kaatie;



3. JORIS or GEORGE VROOM;
4. MARITJE VROOM;
5. BREGHE or BRADICE VROOM, born Aug. 23, 1725;
6. HENDRICK VROOM, JR.;
7. JAN VROOM;
8. PIETER VROOM;
9. JANNETJE VROOM.

Hendrick Corssen-Vroom died prior to July 3, 1769, when his will, dated Oct. 16, 1756, was proved. In this will, he mentions three plantations; his sons, Hendrick and Pieter now lived on two of them and his son, George, now deceased, had lived on another in Middlesex County. He bequeathed to son, Hendrick, £5; eldest daughter, Sarah, £70; second daughter, Marratia, £75; third daughter, Brachtia, £75; grandson, Hendrick Vroom, son of George Vroom, deceased, £33; and to his brother, Peter Vroom, £33 when twenty-one; granddaughter, Jannatia, 'daughter of my youngest child, Janatia, £33. Wife, Dorothy, is to be maintained out of my three real estates; and she is to have all she brought with her. There remains a balance due me on land my son-in-law, Peter Dumont, bought of me.

Executors: My three sons, Hendrick, John and Peter, who are to have my lands. Witnesses: Cornelis Van Kaempen, Aurie Lane, Gisbert Lane. Proved: July 3, 1769. 1769, Inventory, £112.14.9 by William Lane and John Euck.

(New Jersey Archives, Vol. 33, p. 458-9. Lib. K., p. 114.)

2. SAERTJE or SARA VROOM, baptised Feb. 28, 1720, the eldest surviving daughter of Hendrick Corssen-Vroom and Jannetje Hansen Bergen, married, Nov. 10, 1746, Jan Van Neste. They lived in Somerset County, N. J., and baptised the following children in the Raritan Dutch Reformed Church:

- JAN VAN NESTE, bapt. June 24, 1750;
- SARA VAN NESTE, bapt. Aug. 10, 1755;
- FREDERICK VAN NESTE, bapt. Aug. 27, 1758;
- JORIS VAN NESTE, bapt. Oct. 14, 1759;
- LENA VAN NESTE, bapt. Nov. 11, 1759;
- ROSINA VAN NESTE, bapt. Apr. 12, 1761.

3. JORIS or GEORGE VROOM, the son of Hendrick Corssen-Vroom and Jannetje Hansen Bergen, married, first, Jan. 25, 1741, Gerritje (Charity) Dumont. She was born, Mar. 23, 1721, the daughter of Peter Dumont and Jannetje Vechte. They lived on a plantation owned by his father at Piscataqua, Middlesex County. They had three children:

HENDRICK VROOM;  
 PETER DUMONT VROOM;  
 JANNETJE VROOM.

Garritje died, Jan 25, 1747, and George Vroom married, second, Sarah ———, who was named in the administration of his estate. George Vroom died prior to Dec. 2, 1756, on which date his widow, Sarah Vroom, renounced her rights of administration in favor of Hendrick Vroom and John Vroom, farmers of Middlesex County and later of Somerset County. Peter Vroom of Somerset County was bondsman and Thomas Barlow was witness. On Mar. 2, 1757, Edward Antill and Cornelius Low made an inventory of the estate valued at £639.18.5, including six negroes (one child) £33; a Dutch folio Bible and Dutch sermon book £1.5; forty Spanish dollars, £17.6.8; bonds and book debts, £126.8.6. Residence was named as Piscataqua, Middlesex County, N. J.

(N. J. Arch., Vol. 32, p. 343.)

Of the children of Joris and Gerritje Vroom, nothing further was learned of Jannetje. The history of their son, Peter Dumont Vroom, who served with distinction in the Revolution and whose son, Peter D., Jr., became Governor of New Jersey will be given subsequently. Following is a brief account of their son, Hendrick.

HENDRICK VROOM, the son of Joris Vroom and Garretje Dumont, seems to have married Jacamentie Van Neste. The name of his wife was assumed from the following tombstone record given on page 304, Somerset County Historical Quarterly (bound Vol. 3), listing records copied from the Vosseler Burying Ground, located on a farm west of the South Branch of the Raritan River: "Vroom, Jaminia, (Wife of Hendrick D., daughter of Jacob and Catherine Van Neste, died July 16, 1787, aged 36 yrs. 9 mo. 11 da." Although her name is given as Jaminia in this record, the circumstantial evidence seemed to indicate that she was the wife of the subject of this sketch. Hendrick and Jacamentie baptised five children as follows:

JACOB VROOM, bapt. Aug. 15, 1773;  
 GARRETJE VROOM, bapt. Oct. 29, 1776;  
 TRIENTIE (CATHERINE) VROOM, bapt. Aug. 31, 1777;  
 JORIS VROOM, bapt. Oct. 12, 1780;  
 PETRUS VROOM, bapt. July 7, 1782.

The latter was baptised in the Neschanic Dutch Reformed Church, while the others were baptised in the Readington Reformed Church.



From the Vosseler Burying Ground records it was found that "Capt. George Vroom died, Jan. 7, 1806, aged 26 yrs. 1 mo. 19 da." Captain George was born Nov. 19, 1779, and probably was the Joris baptised above. The Vosseler records also contain the following: "Vroom, Matty Wyckoff (wife of Jacob, daughter of Simon and Jacominah Wyckoff) died Dec. 6, 1816, aged 44 yrs. 4 mo. 13 da." She may have been the wife of Jacob baptised above.

4. MARITJE VROOM, the second surviving daughter of Hendrick Corssen-Vroom and Jannetje Hansen Bergen, was named as such in her father's will. She married, license of Nov. 10, 1746, Andries Tenieck or Ten Eyck. The record of this marriage is found on page 429, volume 22, New Jersey Archives and the residence of both was given as Somerset County. Baptisms of two of their children were found in the records of the Readington Dutch Reformed Church:

ANDRIES TEN EYCK, bapt. Sept. 30, 1750;

HENDRICK TEN EYCK, bapt. Mar. 4, 1759.

5. BREGHYE or BRADICE VROOM, the third surviving daughter of Hendrick Corssen-Vroom and Jannetje Hansen Bergen, was born Aug. 23, 1725. She married, May 16, 1748, Peter Dumont, Jr., the son of Peter Dumont, Sr., and Jannetje Vechtie. He was born Nov. 11, 1725. He is said to have purchased a part of Lot 57, Branchburg Township, Somerset County from Hendrick Vroom (probably his father-in-law). This tract is located on the west side of the North Branch of the Raritan, near Two Bridges. They had nine children:

JANNETJE DUMONT, born Apr. 1, 1749, died 1752;

JACINTE DUMONT, born June 18, 1751, married Mar. 3, 1777, Robert Roseboom and removed to Cherry Valley, N. Y.;

PETER DUMONT, born Oct. 17, 1753, died Mar. 18, 1807, married Mary Roseboom (sister of Robert) and removed also to Cherry Valley, N. Y., issue, seven children;

HENDRICK DUMONT, born Apr. 14, 1756, died Dec. 17, 1775;

JOHN BAPTIST DUMONT, born Oct. 21, 1758, died Jan. 12, 1832, lived on the homestead for many years and was unmarried;

JANNETJE DUMONT (second of the name), born May 1, 1761, died Oct. 25, 1828, married Hendrick Tenbrook Vroom;

BATCHIE DUMONT, born Feb. 14, 1764, died Feb. 1, 1852;

MARGARET DUMONT, born Oct. 5, 1766, died Jan. 2, 1844, married ——— Tenbrook;

MARY DUMONT, born Jan., 1770, died Dec. 22, 1845. (Above dates were obtained from John Tenbrook of North Branch, and published in the

Somerset County Historical Quarterly, bound volume 1, p. 208.  
Margaret, above, was his mother.)

Peter Dumont died Nov. 21, 1808. In his will, dated Apr. 26, 1807, proved Dec. 13, 1808, his residence was given as Bridgewater Township, Somerset County. His wife, Breghtye, died Feb. 4, 1791.

6. HENDRICK VROOM, JR., the son of Hendrick Corssen-Vroom and Jannetje Bergen, married Garretje (Charity) Staats. She was named in the baptismal record of their daughter, Catherina, the only child whose baptismal record was found. Eight children were named in his will, and are listed as follows:

PETER VROOM;  
LEMMETIE VROOM;  
JOHN VROOM;  
CATHERINA VROOM, bapt. June 27, 1750, in the Readington Reformed Church;  
GEORGE VROOM;  
SINTIE VROOM;  
HENDRICK VROOM;  
JANITIE VROOM;

An abstract of the will of Hendrick Vroom follows:

"1773, Sept. 13. Vroom, Hendrick of Piscataqua, Middlesex County, will of. Wife, Charity Vroom, the use of the farm, for her use and those of my children, who are not married. Son, Peter, the bay mare. At wife's marriage or death, the plantation may be hired out and profits given to my sons, Peter, John and George. At my wife's death, the farm may be sold and £40 is to be used to buy a wedding outfit for my daughter, Janitie; also £40 for daughter, Sintie, for the same purpose. Daughter, Janitie, £100; Daughter, Lemmetie, £100; Daughter, Catherine, £100; Daughter, Sintie, £100; Son, Peter, £200; Son, Hendrick, is to be supported during his life. Rest to my sons, Peter, John, and George. Executors: Son, Peter and my friends, Jacob Boice and John Duyekinck. Witnesses: Randolph Drake, Andrew Drake, George Hendrick Fisher. Proved, Oct. 14, 1773."

(N. J. Arch., Vol. 34, p. 559.)

7. JAN VROOM, the son of Hendrick Corssen-Vroom and Jannetje Hansen Bergen, seems to have married twice. On page 429, volume 22, New Jersey Archives, under date of Oct. 23, 1749, is recorded a marriage license issued to John Vroom and Jannetje Vanste (Van Neste). It seems probable that he was Jan, the son of Hendrick and Jannetje, although proof was not found. On page 559, volume 34, New Jersey Archives is recorded an abstract of a will of Jan Vroom, whom the compiler felt was the subject of this sketch, although positive proof again was lacking. An abstract of this will follows:



"1771, July 24. Vroom, John, of Somerset Co., will of: Wife, Trinshe, the use of all my estate for the support of my children, except a cow which I give to my niece, Gerretje Van Stay. Son, John, the farm on which I live of 310 acres, when he is 21. Daughter Garretje (also called Yarretie) that land joining the division line between Hunterdon and Somerset and the lands of Peter Dumont, Hendrick Vroom and John Van Sickle of 40 acres. Executors: Wife, Trinshe and my brother-in-law, Peter Ten Eyck and my friend, Abraham Ten Eyck. Witnesses: George, Andreas, Peter Dumont, and Nan Paterson. Proved: Nov. 8, 1777.

1777, Nov. 4. Inventory, £1,045.13.6, made by Peter Dumont, Edward Bunn, and Conrad Ten Eyck. Lib. 19, p. 327.

(N. J. Arch., Vol. 34, p. 559.)

8. PETER VROOM, the son of Hendrick Corssen-Vroom and Jannetje Bergen, married, under license of Aug. 20, 1750, Jannetje Dumont. Their residence was given as Middlesex County, N. J. She was born, Aug. 27, 1723, the daughter of Peter Dumont and Jannetje Veckte. She was a sister of Peter Dumont, who married Breghye Vroom (sister of Peter Vroom), and a sister of Garretje Dumont, who married George Vroom (brother of Peter Vroom). Peter Vroom and Jannetje Dumont had the following children:

PETER VROOM, JR., bapt. Dec. 25, 1751;  
 JANNETJE VROOM, bapt. Sept. 16, 1753;  
 HENDRICK P. VROOM, bapt. Apr. 17, 1757;  
 GEORGE VROOM, born Nov. 14, 1758;  
 IGNATIUS VROOM, born May 6, 1761, died 1771;  
 SARAH VROOM, born Feb. 13, 1763.

Peter Vroom, Sr., died prior to Sept. 22, 1768, the date his will was proved. An abstract of this will follows:

"1768, Aug. Vroom, Peter, of Somerset Co., yeoman, will of. Wife, Janetie, to have money due from estate of George Vroom. Son, Peter, gray mare, rest of estate to wife and children. Executors: Brothers, Hendrick and John Vroom, wife, Janetie, and Peter Dumont, Sr. Witnesses: Joris Bergen, John Van Neste, Andres Ten Eyck, Jr. Proved, Sept. 22, 1768."

(N. J. Arch., Vol. 33, p. 459.)

## HENDRICK P. VROOM AND A FEW OF HIS DESCENDANTS

HENDRICK P. VROOM, the son of Peter Vroom and Jannetje Dumont, married Sarah Lane, who was born Aug. 16, 1760. He served as a private and sergeant in the Revolution. (Stryker, p. 473.) They had six children:

PETER VROOM ;

JACOB VROOM ;

WILLIAM LANE VROOM, born Nov. 18, 1784 ;

SARAH VROOM, bapt. Mar. 30, 1793 (1st Ref. Raritan [Somerville] Church) ;

JANE VROOM, married William Britian ;

ELIZABETH VROOM.

WILLIAM LANE VROOM, son of Hendrick P. Vroom and Sarah Lane, married, Jan. 25, 1816, Mary Ellis Porter. They had ten children :

1. ELIZABETH VROOM, born 1816, died 1843 ;
2. ANNE NEVIUS VROOM, born 1818, died 1852 ;
3. JONATHAN ELLIS VROOM, born 1821, died 1886, married Sarah Hawkins and had : Josephine Vroom ; Burr Napoleon Vroom ; William Henry Vroom ; Douglas Vroom ; Alice Vroom ;
4. SARAH LANE VROOM, born 1823, died 1899, married, Nov. 6, 1856, Joseph Brokaw Beekman and had : Mary Ellis Beekman of Somerville, who married Charles S. Hamilton ; Josephine Beekman, who married John H. Saums ;
5. INFANT, born 1826, died 1828 ;
6. MARY JANE VROOM, born 1829, died 1834 ;
7. MARY JANNETTE VROOM, born 1835, died 1843 ;
8. CATHERINE ABIGAIL VROOM, born 1837, died 1887, married, Sept. 21, 1871, David Shuart ;
9. ANNA FIELD VROOM, born 1838 ;
10. WILLIAM HENRY VROOM, Reformed Church Clergyman, born Feb. 11, 1840, married, June, 1865, Marietta Gow and had : William L. Vroom, M.D., who married, June 4, 1895, Blanch Miller ; Florence Isabelle Vroom ; Mary Ellen Vroom, died in infancy ; Alfred Henry Vroom, married Mabel Grace Lacour.

SARAH VROOM, the daughter of Hendrick P. Vroom and Sarah Lane, married William Hoagland. They had ten children :

1. HENRY VROOM HOAGLAND, married Abby Tunison ;
2. CATHERINE HOAGLAND ;
3. SARAH L. HOAGLAND, of New Brunswick, N. J., unmarried ;
4. WILLIAM VAN FLEET HOAGLAND, of Macoupin County, Ill., married Sarah P. Beekman, who lived at Lincoln, Neb. ;
5. ELIZABETH VROOM HOAGLAND, who married a Freeman ;
6. FRANCES S. HOAGLAND ;
7. RICHARD S. HOAGLAND, of Somerville, married Phoebe J. Whitenack ;
8. PETER S. HOAGLAND ;
9. SAMUEL S. HOAGLAND ;
10. JANE S. HOAGLAND of Illinois, married a McGowen :  
(Bound Vol. 6, Somerset County Hist. Quar., notes by Mrs. C. S. Hamilton, of Somerville.)



## COLONEL PETER DUMONT VROOM AND HIS DESCENDANTS

PETER DUMONT VROOM, the second son of Joris Vroom and Garretje Dumont, was born Jan. 27, 1745 (old style). His father died when he was about eleven years old but this unfortunate circumstance did not keep him from becoming one of the most prominent citizens of Somerset County of his day. In his early life, he lived in the city of New York, whence he came to live on the Raritan River, near the junction of the north and south branches. The home he is said to have built is still standing, and a photo of same is shown facing the following page. He was an officer of militia before the Revolution, and one of the few who raised the first military company in the county of Somerset, when it became apparent that hostilities with England could not long be delayed. The meeting to organize was held on May 3, 1775, at the home of Garret Garretson, in Hillsborough township. The citizens at this meeting determined to elect officers for the several companies represented, when for the Hillsborough Company the following were elected: John Ten Eyck, Captain; Peter D. Vroom, Lieutenant; Jacobus Quick, Second Lieutenant: The proceedings of this meeting are preserved in full in the "Appendix" to Doctor Messler's "History of Somerset County."

Colonel Vroom was subsequently promoted to a Captaincy, and on June 6, 1777, was elected First Major of the 2nd Battalion of Somerset Militia, and on September 9, 1777, Lieutenant-Colonel. He served with the Militia under General Philemon Dickinson during the War. He took part in the Battle of Germantown, where he was wounded and his Lieutenant, John Brokaw, killed.

The public life of Colonel Vroom did not end with the Revolutionary War, for in 1774, he was elected High Sheriff of the County of Somerset; in 1784, he was elected Clerk of the Common Pleas (the County Clerk) by the joint meeting of the Legislature. In 1790, he was elected a member of the General Assembly, re-elected in 1792, 1794, and from then on until 1798. From 1798 to 1804, he was a member of the Legislative Council, and again a member of the Assembly in 1813. In the year, 1800, he was nominated on the Federal ticket for Congress, but the Jefferson ticket was successful. Colonel Vroom for many years, beginning with 1787, filled the office of Justice of the peace and was also made Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Somerset in 1788. In

addition to farming, he devoted much time to surveying and conveyancing, and in the early days of Somerset, transacted almost all of the business of surveying and conveyancing in the neighborhood. He was for many years an elder in the Reformed Dutch Church of Somerville, and was ever active in promoting the interests and welfare of the church.

On the first day of June, 1775, Colonel Vroom married Elsie Bogart, the daughter of Guysbert Bogart and Elizabeth Bodine. She was born Oct. 12, 1755. They had six children:

- GERRETJE VROOM, born Mar. 26, 1776;
- GUYSBERT BOGART VROOM, born Aug. 1, 1778;
- ELIZABETH VROOM, born Sept. 27, 1780;
- JOHN VROOM, born Aug. 24, 1784;
- MARIA VROOM, born June 22, 1787, died unmarried;
- PETER DUMONT VROOM, JR., born Dec. 12, 1791.

GUYSBERT BOGART VROOM, born Aug. 1, 1778, was the second child of Col. Peter Dumont Vroom and Elsie Bogart. For many years he was in the banking business in New York City, serving as teller of the Branch Bank of the United States; organizer and first cashier of the National City Bank; cashier of the Merchants Bank, which position he held at the time of his death, June 17, 1824. He was a protege of Alexander Hamilton, who gave him a lock of his hair in a gold box, and a glass pin later owned by his grandson. He was also a leader in civil and religious affairs. He married, Jan. 9, 1800, Catalina Dilamater, the daughter of Samuel Dilamater and Hannah Vonderberg. She was born July 15, 1782, and died Mar. 8, 1836. They had eight children:

1. PETER DILAMATER VROOM, born Dec. 6, 1800;
2. CATALINA MARIA VROOM, born 1805, died Oct. 3, 1818;
3. GEORGE AUGUSTUS VROOM, born Sept. 6, 1811;
4. GILBERT BOGART VROOM, born Oct. 11, 1813, probably died young;
5. JAMES MATHEWS VROOM, born Sept. 12, 1815, probably died young;
6. HANNAH ELIZABETH VROOM, born Aug. 1, 1818;
7. MARY CATALINA VROOM, born Oct. 11, 1820;
8. CAROLINA MANDEVILLE VROOM, born Feb. 24, 1823.





THE VROOM HOMESTEAD, SOUTH BRANCH, NEW JERSEY BIRTHPLACE  
OF GOVERNOR PETER D. VROOM





## CHILDREN OF GUYSBERT BOGART VROOM AND THEIR DESCENDANTS

1. PETER DILAMATER VROOM, M.D., eldest child of Guysbert Bogart Vroom and Catalina Dilamater, married, May 14, 1832, Elizabeth H. C. Van Doren, daughter of Jacob Van Doren of Raritan and Lydia Maria Boyd. She was born Mar. 26, 1810, and died May 15, 1861. Peter D. Vroom graduated in medicine from Rutgers in 1827 and for a time practiced medicine and surgery, but later abandoned it. In 1842, he removed to Jersey City, where he was an elder in the First Reformed Dutch Church and from 1857 until his death, Oct. 16, 1865, was city treasurer. Dr. Peter Dilamater Vroom and Elizabeth H. C. Van Doren had nine children, whose histories follow :

(1) JOHN BOYD VROOM, of Denver, Colo., born Nov. 27, 1833, married, Dec. 3, 1862, Juliana Thompson Nicoll. Children were :

JOHN NICOLL VROOM, M.D., of Denver, Colo., born Mar. 24, 1865 ;

GUYSBERT B. VROOM, born Aug. 17, 1868, died at Los Angeles, Calif., unmarried.

(2) ALFRED H. VROOM, of Jersey City, N. J., born Aug. 19, 1835, died Oct. 29, 1872, at Wyoming, Minn., unmarried, where he had gone because of ill health. He served in the Civil War as 1st Lieut., Co. A, 21st N. J. Vols.

(3) GUYSBERT BOGART VROOM, of Jersey City, born Aug. 27, 1837, died Mar. 12, 1864, married, Dec. 23, 1862, Kate Riddle. They had one child :

ELIZABETH RIDDLE VROOM, who married Rev. W. W. Jordan.

(4) GEORGE AUGUSTUS VROOM, of Hackensack, N. J., born in New York City, July 14, 1840, married, Dec. 10, 1885, Mary Nesbit Flanagan, who died Nov. 22, 1906. He was head of the firm of George A. Vroom & Co., produce commission merchants at 128 Eighth Ave., New York City. They had a daughter :

HELEN CAMERON VROOM, of Hackensack, N. J., born Mar. 12, 1890, married, Mar. 29, 1916, William Pitt Banning and had a son, George Vroom Banning, born Apr. 22, 1917.

(5) PIERE DILAMATER VROOM, born Feb. 1, 1844, died Sept. 4, 1863.

(6) DAVID GOULD VROOM, resided at Washington, D.C., born June 8, 1847, married, Apr. 25, 1894, Pauline Fisher. He was connected with the U. S. Treasury Department.

(7) CATALINA MARIA VROOM, born July 31, 1850, resided at Washingtonville, N. Y., married, June 13, 1877, Charles Nicoll (brother to wife of John B. (1).) They had three children:

ISAAC NICOLL, who married, June 22, 1912, Mrs. Ethel Brooks Holman and has daughter, Mary Brooks Nicoll;

ALFRED VROOM NICOLL;

ELIZABETH HOWELL NICOLL, who married, Mar. 5, 1914, Percy Mortimore Ivory.

(8) AUGUSTINE YATES VROOM (twin), born July 31, 1850, died same day.

(9) ROBERT CAMERON VROOM, born Oct. 12, 1853, resided at San Diego, Calif., married, Nov. 21, 1877, Ella Malita Douglass, who died Nov. 29, 1887. They had one child:

GERTRUDE MORRIS VROOM, of Rutherford, N. J., married, Oct. 7, 1909, William Welling Brooks.

3. GEORGE AUGUSTUS VROOM, the third child of Guysbert Bogart Vroom and Catalina Dilamater, born Sept. 6, 1811, married, Oct. 21, 1857, Gettine Doane. They resided at New Brunswick, N. J. He graduated from Rutgers in 1830; was admitted as an attorney in 1833. He was county clerk in Middlesex County, N. J., 1857-62. He died Dec. 14, 1861. George Augustus Vroom and Gettine Doane had two children, whose history follows:

(1) GUYSBERT BOGART VROOM, born at New Brunswick, N. J., Sept. 11, 1859, resided at East Haddam, Conn. He married, Feb. 5, 1896, Mary Esther Harvey, who was born Sept. 1, 1862. No issue.

(2) GEORGE AUGUSTUS VROOM was born at New Brunswick, N. J., Oct. 21, 1861. He graduated at Rutgers College, 1884, went to Camden and studied law in the office of John T. Woodhull; was admitted to the New Jersey Bar in June, 1885. He immediately began the practice of law in Camden. Mr. Vroom was appointed Law Judge of Camden County by Governor Werts on March 11, 1893, to succeed Richard T. Miller, who resigned to accept a Circuit Court Judgeship. He held this position until April, 1897. He married, Nov. 15, 1887, Laura Alicia Foster Campion. They had three children:

GUYSBERT BOGART VROOM, born Dec. 6, 1888, married, Dec. 6, 1916, Helen Leffingwell McConaughy and is a Lieut. in U. S. Navy;



GETTINE VROOM, born Dec. 15, 1889, married June 30, 1908, Roscoe Conkling Davis, Lieut. in U. S. Navy, issue, Richard Douglass Davis, George Vroom Davis, and Roscoe Conkling Davis, Jr.;

CONSTANCE VROOM, born Feb. 3, 1893, married, Apr. 17, 1912, Eddie Estess, of the U. S. Navy, issue, Gettine Vroom Estess.

PETER DUMONT VROOM, JR. (the Governor), the youngest child of Col. Peter Vroom, Sr., and Elsie Bogart, was born, Dec. 12, 1791, at the old Vroom homestead, near the South Branch of the Raritan River, believed to have been built by his father. (See photo facing page 66.) Peter D. Vroom, Jr., graduated from Columbia College in 1808; read law with George McDonald of Somerville; was licensed as an attorney in 1813, as counselor in 1816, and as sergeant in 1828. He practiced law, first at Schooley's Mountain, then at Hackettstown, then at Flemington, but in 1819 established himself at Somerville, where he resided for more than twenty years. He was Member of Assembly from Somerset County, 1826 to 1829, when he was elected Governor of New Jersey, holding the office until 1832 and again from 1833 to 1836. He was a member of Congress, 1839-'41; Minister to Prussia, 1853-'57; Presidential Elector for the Democratic party, 1860, 1864, 1868. Princeton University gave him the degree of LL.D in 1850. Governor Fort nominated former Governor Vroom to the office of Chief Justice of the State of New Jersey, which nomination the senate confirmed, but he declined the high office. He was active reporter of the decisions of the Supreme Court, etc., of the State for a brief time. He was always active in the Dutch Reformed Church at Somerville, in which he served as Elder prior to his later residence in Trenton, where he lived after 1841.

Governor Peter Dumont Vroom married twice. His first wife was Ann Van Duyn Dumont, daughter of Peter B. Dumont and Sarah Van Middleworth, whom he married, May 21, 1817. He married, second, Maria Matilda Wall, daughter of Hon. Garret D. Wall. Seven children were born to the first union, five of whom died before reaching the age of six years. They were:

1. PETER DUMONT VROOM, born Apr. 18, 1819, died Apr. 24, 1822;
2. SUSAN DUMONT VROOM, born Oct. 22, 1821, died Nov. 6, 1826;
3. ELSIE BOGART VROOM, born Feb. 22, 1823, died Oct. 22, 1826;
4. FREDERICK FRELINGHUYSEN VROOM, born Mar. 29, 1824, died Aug. 8, 1824;
5. MARIA ELMENDORF VROOM, born Aug. 27, 1825, died Aug. 13, 1904, unmarried;
6. GUYSBERT BOGART VROOM, born Dec. 14, 1827, died Sept. 10, 1828;
7. JOHN P. VROOM, born June 11, 1829, died May 27, 1865.

Four children were born to the second union as follows :

8. PETER DUMONT VROOM, III, born Apr. 18, 1842;
9. GARRET DORSET WALL VROOM, born Dec. 17, 1843;
10. JAMES WALTER VROOM, born Aug. 13, 1846;
11. GOUVERNEUR RUTGERS VROOM, born Nov. 3, 1848.

#### HISTORIES OF SOME OF THE CHILDREN OF GOVERNOR PETER DUMONT VROOM

7. JOHN P. VROOM, the seventh child of Governor Peter D. Vroom and his first wife, died unmarried. He graduated at Rutgers in 1849; studied law in his father's office; was admitted as an attorney in 1852, and as counselor in 1857. He accompanied his father to Berlin and, on his return, practiced law in Jersey City. He was fairly entered upon a brilliant career when he suddenly died.

8. PETER DUMONT VROOM, III, was the second child (the first having died in infancy) to be named after his father, Governor Peter D. Vroom. He was the eldest child of the second marriage. He married, Dec. 17, 1893, Margaret E. Wood, who died June 25, 1901. He graduated from the C. E. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1862 and was appointed First Lieutenant Adjutant in the New Jersey Infantry, in 1862; became Major and brevetted Colonel and was mustered out, Oct. 24, 1865; became Second Lieutenant, U. S. Cavalry in 1866; then First Lieutenant, Captain, Major, Lieutenant-Colonel, etc., and retired as Brigadier-General Inspector General in 1903, after forty years of military service. After his retirement, he lived in New York City.

9. GARRET DORSET WALL VROOM, the second child of Governor Peter D. Vroom and his second wife, Maria Matilda Wall, married, June 8, 1871, Charlotte Dickinson. Mr. Vroom, better known as Judge Vroom, was born in Trenton, N. J., and graduated from Rutgers in 1862. This College, in 1902, gave him the honorary degree of LL.D. He read law in his father's office, was admitted as an attorney in 1865 and as counselor in 1868. He practiced law in Trenton, where he resided until his death. He was city solicitor of Trenton, 1869-'70, and 1873-'76; Prosecutor of Mercer County, 1870-'73; Reporter for the Supreme Court for forty-one years, or until his death, Mar. 4, 1914. His forty-eight volumes of Law Reports known as "Vroom Reports," are known all over the country. He was Mayor of Trenton, 1881-'84; President of the Trenton Board of Works; Judge of the Court of



Errors and Appeals, 1901-'13; one of the organizers, and in 1907, President of the Trenton Battle Monument Association and of the Board of Managers of the New Jersey State Hospitals for the Insane; and held a variety of other society offices. His wife was the great-granddaughter of General Philemon, Major-General in the Revolution. Garret Dorest Vroom and Charlotte Dickinson had four children:

CHARLOTTE VROOM, born Dec. 1, 1872, died Aug. 29, 1873;  
 GOUVERNEUR RUTGERS VROOM, born Aug. 9, 1874, died Apr. 19, 1884;  
 MARGARET GOBERT VROOM, born Feb. 22, 1881, died Apr. 13, 1884;  
 GERTRUDA GOUVERNEUR VROOM, born Dec. 21, 1883, married John Nixon Brooks.

10. JAMES WALTER VROOM, the third son of Governor Peter D. Vroom and his second wife, Maria Matilda Wall, graduated from Rutgers, 1866. He married Katherine M. Stevens and had one son:

PETER DUMONT VROOM.

11. GOUVERNEUR RUTGERS VROOM, the youngest son of Governor Peter D. Vroom and his second wife, Maria Matilda Wall, graduated from Rutgers in 1868. He died in Nov., 1870. (Somerset Co. Hist. Quarterly, bound Vol. 6, pp. 216-7-8-9-220.)

## XI

### HENDRICK AND CORNELIS CORSSSEN'S LAND IN NEW JERSEY, ALMOST 100 YEARS BEFORE THE BIRTH OF OUR COUNTRY

Before we continue with the story of Cornelis Corssen and his family in Brooklyn and Staten Island, an acquaintance with some of the New Jersey records may not be without interest. Cornelis and Hendrick Corssen were granted patents for large tracts of land on the Raritan River in New Jersey, a hundred years before the Revolutionary War. The first grant was for 1,904 acres, patented Feb. 3, 1683, to Cornelis Corssen and three others of Staten Island. A record of this grant is found on page 60-61, Vol. 21, 1st Series, New Jersey Archives. It is better described on pages 653-4, in James P. Snell's History of Hunterdon and Somerset Counties, N. J., as follows:

"Feb. 3, 1683, letters patent were granted to James Graham, Samuel Winder, Cornelis Coursen and John White for a tract of land said to contain 'the just and full quantity of one thousand nine hundred and four acres of land, strict measure, but allowance being made for swamp, highways, the same to remain for one thousand eight hundred English acres and no more.' (A deed in possession of Judge J. C. Garretson recites the dates given, location of the different divisions and to whom sold.) It was surveyed Sept. 28, 1683. Its East line was Peter's Brook from the river until it bends to the West; South by the Raritan River; West by the old patent line; North by the line of the other river lots. This tract was divided into four equal parts, each fronting on the river. It was agreed by the parties that the quarter of Cornelis Coursen was to lie on the Easterly side of the tract; the second quarter was to John White lying between Cornelius Coursen on the East and James Graham on the West; the third quarter was set off to James Graham;—the fourth and last quarter was to Samuel Winder and West of James Graham—."

Capt. Cornelis Corssen never lived on this land. On June 6, 1687, he conveyed his quarter of the original grant to his brother Hendrick Corssen and Peter Van Neste. Peter Van Neste was Hendrick's father-in-law. An abstract of this conveyance follows:

"1687 June 6. Deed. Capt. Cornelius Coursen and wife Mary of Staten Island to Hendrick Coursen and Peter Van Neste, both of Raraton River, for one fourth of a tract, patented to him Feb. 28, 1683, 1904 acres, S. a bank of upland, W. and N. land not taken up, Capt. John Palmer and associates, to be called 1800 acres."

(N. J. Archives 1st Ser., Vol. 21, p. 170.)



Hendrick Corssen did not long retain his interest in this tract, as we find on Oct. 10, 1687, he and his wife conveyed their one-half share of the quarter, originally patented to his brother Cornelis, to his father-in-law Peter Van Neste, for a tract at Rahawackhacho, according to the following:

"1687 Oct. 10. Deed. Hendrick Coursen and wife Jesyntie to Peter Vaness, all of Raraton, for a lot at Rahawackhacho on both sides of Raraton River, East John White, West grantee, the lot being one half of the fourth bought from grantor's brother Capt. Cornelius Coursen June 6, 1687."

(N. J. Arch. 1st Ser., Vol. 21, p. 169.)

Rahawackhacho is an Indian name, that was applied to a piece of meadow land lying near the town of Bound Brook, N. J. In the following year another tract of 500 acres was patented by the Government to Hendrick Coursen. This tract began at the Junction of the North and South branches of the Raritan River and extended in a Northerly and Westerly direction for some distance. The ancestral home of Hendrick Corssen's and Josina Pietersen Van Neste's great grandson, Col. Peter D. Vroom, the Revolutionary War officer, and his son, Peter Dumont Vroom, Jr., former Governor of New Jersey was on this grant.

An abstract of this patent follows:

"1688 June 10. Patent to Hendrick Coursen of Raraton River, Somerset County, for 500 acres there. East, the North branch of said river, South Governour Hamiltone, West and North, unappropriated land."

(N. J. Archives, 1st Ser., Vol. 21, p. 123.)

Peter Van Neste, on Oct. 26, 1693, secured possession, by conveyance from James Graham, of the third quarter set off to Graham, by the terms of the original grant of Feb. 28, 1683. (N. J. Arch., 1st. Ser., Vol. 21, p. 198.) Peter Van Neste by this time owned one-half of the original grant of 1,904 acres. An interesting story concerning part of this land was found on page 312, "Northwestern New Jersey," A. Van Doren Honeyman, Editor-in-chief, under Somerset County.

Peter Van Neste, it seems, conveyed a part of this land to Derrick Middaugh in 1709, and some years later a part of it came into the possession of John Wallace. "After the death of John Wallace, his son William, in 1778, built a spacious mansion upon the land, the handsomest in that part of the country and judging from its condition as we see it today a residence that for those days would be termed almost palatial." It is now in the possession of the New Jersey Revolutionary War Memorial Society, and here in

this house, "during the time that tried men's souls, General Washington with his family lived during the winter, spring and summer of 1778-9."

So ends the brief story, in this work, of Hendrick Corssen and his descendants. It is to be hoped that someone in this family may write a complete history of their descendants.

As Pieter Corssen, the second son of Cors Pietersen and Tryntje Hendricks seems to have left no descendants, and the descendants of Hendrick Corssen were known by the name of Vroom, it is safe to state that only the descendants of the eldest son, Cornelis Corssen were destined, as far as the descendants of Cors Pietersen are concerned, to perpetuate the name Corson in America. We shall now continue the story of Capt. Cornelis Corssen's descendants.



## XII

### CATHERINA (TRYNTJE) CORSSSEN AND HER DESCENDANTS

1 CATHERINA CORSSSEN, daughter of Capt. Cornelis Corsen and Marritje van der Grift, was without doubt the eldest child, and was probably born 1667-8. Previous to 1689, she married Jan Petersen Staats. Baptismal records of four of their children were found; one in the records of the Dutch Reformed Church of Brooklyn and three among the earliest available records of the Dutch Church of Staten Island. Two other children were named in the father's will. They were:

- 11 MARYA, bapt. Feb. 3, 1689, witnesses, Pieter Staats and Marritje van der Grift; (Kings County Genealogical Club Collections, p. 68);
- 12 CORNELIA, bapt. May 5, 1696, witnesses, Pieter Staats and Cornelis Corssen;
- 13 ANNETJE, bapt. June 10, 1700, no witnesses were recorded;
- 14 JANNETJE, mentioned in father's will;
- 15 REBECCA, bapt. Oct. 22, 1707, no witnesses recorded;
- 16 CATHERINA, mentioned in father's will. (Latter three baptisms were found in Historical Miscellany, by J. E. Stillwell, Vol. 1, p. 108.)

12 CORNELIA STAATS, daughter of Jan Petersen Staats and Catherine Corssen, married Jan Veghte, prior to 1719. Baptismal records of their children, as recorded in the Dutch Church of Staten Island are as follows:

- 121 JOHANNES VEGHTE, bapt. Nov. 8, 1719, witnesses Cornelis Santvoord and Maria Staats;
- 122 JANNETJE VEGHTE, bapt. Jan. 24, 1725, witnesses Douwe Woggelum and Jannetje Staats;
- 123 HENRIK VEGHTE, bapt. Jan. 25, 1727, witnesses Rebecca Staats.  
(N. Y. Gen. & Biog. Society Collections, Vol. 4, pp. 22, 30, 34.)

13 ANNETJE (ANNA) STAATS, daughter of Jan Staats and Catherina Corssen, married Rev. Cornelis van Santvoord, prior to 1722. Their children, baptised in the Dutch Reformed Church of Staten Island, were:

- 131 CORNELIS VAN SANTVOORD, bapt. Mar. 8, 1722, witnesses Jan Veghte and Cornelia Staats;
- 132 STAATS VAN SANTVOORD, bapt. Mar. 21, 1725, witnesses Douwe van Woggelum and Maria Staats;

133 JACOB VAN SANTVOORD, bapt. Dec. 22, 1728, witnesses were Christiaan Corssen and Jannetje Staats;

134 ZEGER VAN SANTVOORD, bapt. Oct. 7, 1733, witnesses Jan Schuyler and Sara Walters.

(N. Y. Gen. & Biog. Club Collections, Vol. 4, pp. 28, 31, 37, 44.)

14 JANNETJE STAATS, daughter of Jan Staats and Catherina Corssen, married prior to 1724, Douwe van Woggelum, the son of Jan Jansen van Woggelum and Blandina Viele. Jan Jansen van Woggelum died about 1711 and several years later his widow, Blandina Viele, married Benjamin Corssen, a brother of Jannetje Staats' mother, Catherina Corssen. Jannetje Staats and Douwe van Woggelum baptised the following children in the Dutch Reformed Church of Staten Island:

141 ZUSTER VAN WOGGELUM, bapt. July 19, 1724, witnesses were Benjamin Corssen, the uncle of the child's mother, and his wife Blandina Viele, the mother by her first husband of the father;

142 JAN VAN WOGGELUM, bapt. Sept. 18, 1726, witnesses were the baby's grandparents, Jan Staats and Catherina Corssen;

143 JAN STAATS VAN WOGGELUM, bapt. Feb. 26, 1728, witnesses were the child's mother's sister Cornelia Staats and her husband Jan Veghte;

144 CORNELIS VAN WOGGELUM, bapt. June 28, 1729, witnesses were the grandparents of the child, Jan Staats and Catherina Corssen;

145 CATHERINA VAN WOGGELUM, bapt. June 27, 1736, witnesses were Jan Mangel Rol and Christina van Woggelum;

146 ANTJE VAN WOGGELUM, bapt. Sept. 14, 1742, witnesses were Henereck Veltman and Johanna van Santvoord.

(N. Y. Gen. & Biog. Soc. Collections, Vol. 4, pp. 29, 33, 35, 39, 48, 52.)

15 REBECCA STAATS, daughter of Jan Staats and Catherina Corssen, married Jacobus Bakker or Baker and two of their children were found in the Dutch Reformed Church records of Staten Island. They were:

151 CATHERINA BAKKER, bapt. Aug. 24, 1729, witnesses Jan Staats and Catherina Corssen;

152 NICOLAAS BAKKER, bapt. June 30, 1734, witnesses Cornelia Corssen and her husband Hendrick Croesen.

(N. Y. Gen. & Biog. Soc. Collections, Vol. 4, pp. 38, 45.)

16 CATHERINA STAATS, daughter of Jan Staats and Catherina Corssen, married ——— Breestede, according to the will of her father. Catherina was deceased at the time the will was made. They had one son:

161 JOHANNES BREESTEDE, mentioned in his grandfather's will.

An abstract of the will of Jan Petersen Staats, as found on page 223, Vol. 3, New York Historical Society Collections, follows:



"I, Jan Staats, of Richmond County, Gent, being very sick, I leave to my wife, Catherine, all my estate, real and personal, during her life. After her death, I leave to my eldest daughter Maria, 50 pounds, before any division. I leave to my grandson, Johannes Breestede, son of my daughter, Catherine, deceased, my weaving-loom, my gun, and a young horse, and all my tools. My eldest daughter Maria to dwell in the house where I now live, with all reasonable comfort and privileges therein, and a room in the house as long as she lives. I leave my real estate on the north side of Richmond Co., and all my farming implements to my grandson, Johannes Breestede, and he is to pay 83 pounds, 6 shillings, 8 pence to each of my daughters; viz, Maria; Cornelia, wife of John Vechte; Ann, wife of Rev. Corn. Santvoord; Janettie, wife of Dowej Woglam; Rebecca, wife of Jacob Backher. I make my wife Catherine and my brother-in-law Christian Corsen, Esq., Executors. Witnesses: John Dufroi; Jacob Corsing (Corsen), and Teunis van Pelt. Proved before Walter Dongan, Esq., June 18, 1737."

### XIII

## JACOB CORSSSEN AND HIS FAMILY

2 JACOB CORSSSEN, born in 1675, was the eldest son of Capt. Cornelis Corssen and Maritje van der Grift. He was "Supervisor" for Richmond County, Staten Island, in 1709, and was a Colonel of the Militia in 1739. Jacob Corssen married, prior to 1701, Elizabeth Viele, a daughter of Cornelis Cornelisen Viele and Suster ———, and a sister of Blandina Viele, who married Jacob's brother, Benjamin Corssen. A reproduction of the baptismal record of their children, as recorded in the Dutch language, in the Dutch Reformed Church of Staten Island and listed on pages 109, 110, Vol. 1, "Historical Miscellany," by J. E. Stillwell, follows:

Jacob Corssen zyne gedoopte Kinderen  
zyne Dochter  
suster Corssen heeft haeren Christelycken  
Doopt ontfangen anno 1701  
25 Mart De Getuigen bennen  
Christiaan Corssen en Blandienna Woggelum  
zyne foon  
Jacob Corssen heeft zynen Christelychen  
doop ontfangen Den 21 Oct anno 1707  
De Getuygen bennen  
Pieter Vyle en Antie Corszen  
Jacob Corssen zyn foon benjamy  
gedoopt den 1 april anno 1718  
domeny freeman de getuyge zyn doū  
W. van Woglum als peet marytje kroesen

Translated:

Jacob Corssen's baptised children:

- 21 SUSTER CORSSSEN, bapt. Mar. 25, 1701, witnesses were Christiaan Corssen and Blandina Woggelum;
- 22 JACOB CORSSSEN, JR., bapt. Oct. 25, 1707, witnesses were Pieter Vyle (Viele) and Antje Corssen;
- 26 BENJAMIN CORSSSEN, bapt. Apr. 1, 1718, by Reverend Freeman, witnesses were Douwe van Woggelum and Maritje Kroesen, who acted as Godmother.

Jacob Corssen and Elizabeth Viele also had the following children that were mentioned in the will of the father, but whose baptismal records were not found.



- 23 REBECCA CORSSSEN, married Jan Blom;
- 24 DOUWE CORSSSEN, married Jannetje Conein;
- 25 MARYTJE CORSSSEN, married Joshua Mersereau;
- 27 SARAH CORSSSEN, married Myndert Munderse.

Jacob Corssen, Sr., after the death of his father in 1693, and his mother, about 1698, bought his sister's, Catherina's and Cornelia's, and his brothers', Christiaan's and Benjamin's, interest in the estate of their father, Capt. Cornelis Corssen. (See deeds hereinbefore related.) Jacob, Sr., after the death of his youngest brother, Daniel, who died intestate in 1712, seemed to inherit Daniel's share, thus gaining control of all of the vast holdings of his father. Jacob Corssen, Sr., died probably shortly before Aug. 2, 1756, the date his will was proved. This will is an interesting genealogical record, as it mentions not only the names of his surviving children, but also the names of the husbands of his daughters, and in a codicil names the children of his son, Benjamin. An abstract of this will follows:

"In the name of God Amen, October 8, 1742. I, Jacob Corsen, of Staten Island, Gent., being weak in body, all debts and burial charges to be paid. I leave to my wife, Elizabeth, the use of all lands and tenements during her natural life. After her death, I give to my son Jacob all that my messuage, lands and tenements, situate on the north side of Staten Island, where I now live, and lying near or adjoining to the lands of Walter Dongan, Esq. and Nicolas Garrison. I leave to my daughter, Suster, wife of Johannes Simsen, 70 pounds. To my daughter Mary, wife of Joshua Mersereau, 70 pounds. To my son Dowe, 70 pounds.—Benjamin 70 pounds. All these to be paid by my son Jacob. I leave to my sons, Dowe and Benjamin, all my messuages and lands in Hunterdon County, in West New Jersey, at or near the township of Reading, and purchased from John Budd. I leave to my daughter Sarah, wife of Myndert Myderse, my messuages or lands situate on the west side of Staten Island, adjoining the lands of Wyant Wyants and John Andrewort and purchased from Joshua Mersereau Sr. I leave to my daughter Rebecca, wife of John Blom 70 pounds, to be paid by my son Jacob. I leave to my son Jacob my silver hilted sword and silk sash. I make my sons executors and leave all the rest to my children. Witnesses: Christian Corsen; John Quinn; Daniel Corsen.

CODICIL, Feb. 3, 1742-3. Whereas, I have given to my son Benjamin  $\frac{1}{2}$  of all my lands in Hunterdon County, West New Jersey, which I purchased of John Budd, my executors are to pay to Jacob Corsen, son of my son Benjamin, 30 pounds out of said lands, and the rest of said lands to be divided among Jacob, Sarah and Elizabeth, the children of my son Benjamin Corsen. But if my grandson Jacob wishes to keep all of said lands, he shall pay to his sisters  $\frac{2}{3}$  value. Witnesses: Christian Corsen; Antye Corsen; Daniel Corsen. Proved Aug. 2, 1756."

(Surrogate Off. Liber 20, p. 51.) (N. Y. Hist. Soc., Vol. 5, p. 120.)

21 ZUSTER CORSSSEN, the daughter of Jacob Corssen and Elizabeth Viele, married Johannes Symonsen. Baptismal records

of three of their children were found in the Dutch Church of New Amsterdam and three in the Dutch Church of Staten Island. The three in New Amsterdam were :

- 211 JANNETKA SYMONSEN, bapt. Aug. 23, 1724, witnesses Cornelis van Hock and Jannetka Danielse;
- 212 ELIZABETH SYMONSEN, bapt. Oct. 23, 1726, witnesses Jacob Korse and his wife Elizabeth Viele.
- 213 MARYTJE SYMONSEN, bapt. April 23, 1729, witnesses Jan Blom and Rebecca Korsen. (N. Y. Gen. & Biog., Soc. Collections,, Vol. 2, pp. 450, 470, 491.)

In the Dutch Reformed Church records of Staten Island were :

- 214 ELIZABET SYMONSEN, bapt. Feb. 26, 1732, witnesses Joseph de Voe and Susanna Drulict;
- 215 JOHANNES SYMONSEN, bapt. Dec. 22, 1734, witnesses Johannes Brower, Corn. van Hoch and his wife, Jannetke Bosh; (probably died an infant.)
- 216 JOHANNES SYMONSEN, bapt. June 9, 1742, witnesses Jacob Corse, Jr., and Marrytje Corsse, wife of Joshua Masjero (Mersereau).  
(N. Y. Gen. & Biog. Soc. Collections, Vol. 4, pp. 18, 38, 52.)

22 JACOB CORSSSEN, JR., son of Jacob Corssen and Elizabeth Viele, married Cornelia Croesen and they had the following children baptised in the Dutch Church on Staten Island :

- 221 MARIA CORSEN, bapt. Dec. 23, 1739, witnesses Joshua Mersereau and Maria Corsen;
- 222 CORNELIA CORSEN, bapt. Apr. 18, 1743, witnesses Hendereck Croesen and Cornelia Corssen;
- 223 JACOB CORSEN, born July 22, 1747, bapt. Oct. 13, 1747, died Nov. 6, 1748;
- 224 NEELTY CORSEN, bapt. Aug. 25, 1751, no witnesses recorded;
- 225 LIESABET CORSEN, bapt. Aug. 7, 1754, witness Maria Corsen.  
(Hist. Miscellany, by J. E. Stillwell, Vol. 1, pp. 98, 142.) (N. Y. Gen. & Biog. Soc. Collections, Vol. 4, pp. 51, 59.) (Annals Staten Island, Clute, pp. 361, 362.)

23 REBECCA CORSSSEN, daughter of Jacob Corssen and Elizabeth Viele, married Jan Blom before 1728. Their children were baptised in the Dutch Reformed Church of New Amsterdam as follows :

- 231 MARYTJE BLOM, bapt. May 1, 1728, witnesses were Jacob Blom, Jacob Korse and his wife Elizabeth Viele;
- 232 ELIZABETH BLOM, bapt. July. 26, 1730, witnesses were Jacob Corsen, Petrus Kip and his wife Margrietje Blom;
- 233 JACOB BLOM, bapt. Sept. 1, 1732, witnesses were Jacob Corsen, Petrus Kip and his wife Margrietje Blom;



234 JOHANNES BLOM, bapt. July 17, 1734, witnesses were Frederik Blom, Benjamin Kiersted and his wife Jannetje Blom.

(N. Y. Gen. & Biog. Soc. Collections, Vol. 2, pp. 482, 499 and Vol. 3, pp. 22, 35.)

24 DOUWE CORSSSEN, son of Jacob Corssen and Elizabeth Viele, married Jannetje Conein. Baptismal records of four of their children were found; three in the Raritan River district of New Jersey and the third in the Staten Island records. Except for this baptism, no record in which Benjamin Corsen, baptised Apr. 1, 1718, or Douwe Corssen, mentioned in his father's will were found in the records of Staten Island. In the father's will, they were bequeathed: "all his lands in Hunterdon County, New Jersey," so it is very probable that Jacob and Elizabeth Viele Corssen's sons, Benjamin and Douwe, had moved to the lands in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. They probably lived on and farmed these lands for the father, Jacob Corssen, years before he died. This is verified by Dr. E. B. Woodruff in his history of the "Coursens of Sussex County, New Jersey," who states: "On Hollands Brook, near Readington village, were Douwe and Benjamin Corsen, from Staten Island." The children baptised by Douwe Corssen and Jannetje Conein were:

241 CORNELIUS CORSEN, bapt. Feb. 8, 1740-1, in the Dutch Reformed Church of Readington, N. J.;

242 YDA CORSEN, bapt. June 6, 1741, in the Dutch Reformed Church of Readington, N. J.;

243 JACOB CORSEN, bapt. May 1, 1743, in the Dutch Reformed Church of Somerset, N. J.;

244 RAGEL CORSEN, bapt. Oct. 2, 1755, in the Dutch Reformed Church of Staten Island.

(N. Y. Gen. & Biog. Soc. Collections, Vol. 4, p. 63.)

25 MARYTJE CORSEN, daughter of Jacob Corssen and Elizabeth Viele, married Joshua Mersereau and had the following children baptised in the Dutch Reformed Church of Staten Island:

251 JOSHUA MERSEREAU, bapt. Oct. 13, 1728, no witnesses recorded;

252 JACOB MERSEREAU, bapt. May 24, 1730, witnesses Jacob Corssen and Elizabeth Viele;

253 JOHANNES MERSEREAU, bapt. Mar. 26, 1732, witnesses Jacob Corsen, Jr., and Maria van Pelt;

254 ELIZABETH MERSEREAU, bapt. Jan. 20, 1734, no witnesses recorded;

255 PAULUS MERSEREAU, no date of baptism, witness was Paul Merseu (Mersereau.)

256 ELIZABETH MERSEREAU, bapt. Apr. 18, 1743, no witnesses;

257 RACHEL MERSEREAU, bapt. Apr. 22, 1746, no witnesses.  
(N. Y. Gen. & Biog. Soc. Collections, Vol. 4, pp. 36, 39, 40, 44, 67, 52, 55.)

252 JACOB MERSEREAU, the second son of Joshua Mersereau and Maria Corsen married Fitye Rol. The baptismal record of one child was found:

2521 MAREYA, bapt. Oct. 31, 1750, witnesses were Josewa Marsero and Mareya Corsen.

(N. Y. Gen. & Biog. Soc. Collections, Vol. 4, p. 59.)

26 BENJAMIN CORSEN, probably the youngest child of Jacob Corssen and Elizabeth Viele, was baptised, Apr. 1, 1718. He married Catherina ———. They lived on part of his father's land near Readington village in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. His home is said to have been on Holland Brook. Benjamin and Catherina Corsen baptised three children in the Readington Dutch Church. They were:

261 JACOB CORSEN, bapt. Feb. 10, 1740;

262 SARA CORSEN, bapt. July 18, 1742;

263 ELIZABETH CORSEN, bapt. June 23, 1745.

In the will of Benjamin's father, Jacob Corssen, dated Oct. 8, 1742, given heretofore, it is interesting to note that Benjamin was to receive one-half of his father's land in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. In a codicil to this will, made some time later, Jacob devised the land that Benjamin was to receive to Benjamin's three children. On Jan. 29, 1759, a little less than two and one-half years after the elder Jacob's will was proved, Ralph Smith gave bond and was granted "Letters of Guardianship of the person and estate of Jacob Corsen upwards of 19 years of age until he comes to the age of 21." It is further stated in this record: "Jacob Corson, the son of Benjamin Corson, late of Reading in the County of Hunterdon, present and 19, having chosen Major Ralph Smith to be his guardian, I confirm the same and appoint accordingly."

(Signed) "Frd. Barnard"



## XIV

### CHRISTIAEN CORSSSEN, THE SECOND SON OF CAPT. CORNELIS CORSSSEN, AND HIS DESCENDANTS

3 CHRISTIAEN CORSSSEN, the second son of Capt. Cornelis Corssen and Maritje van der Grift, was born in the year 1676; he married prior to 1702, Antje Croesen or Kroesen, who was a sister of Hendrich Croesen, the husband of Christiaen's sister, Cornelia Corssen. He is recorded in the records of the Civil Officers of Richmond County as a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and in the Military records as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Christiaen Corssen was a member of the Dutch Reformed Church of Staten Island and was the owner of a considerable estate on Staten Island and in New Jersey. He died in 1765 at the ripe old age of eighty-nine years. Although the baptismal records of his children do not appear in the Church records, his children are mentioned in his will, recorded on page 212, Liber 25 of Wills, New York County, as follows:

- 31 CORNELIUS CORSEN;
- 32 NEELTJE CORSEN;
- 33 DANIEL CORSEN.

This will, beautifully phrased, is a remarkable genealogical record. It not only names the children of Christiaen Corssen, two of whom were deceased, but also names all of the surviving grandchildren, except two daughters of Neeltje, who are mentioned but not named. A certified copy of this will follows:

#### CHRISTIAEN CORSSSEN'S WILL

"In the Name of God Amen I Christian Corsen Esquier of the County of Richmond and Colony of New York being of sound and perfect Memory and understanding thanks be to God for it calling to mind the mortality of my Body Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament principally & first of all I most humbly bequeath my Soul to God my maker and as for my Body I give it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors and as touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleas God to bless me with in this Life I give bequeath devise and dispose of the same as followeth Imprimis I will that all my just and Lawful Debts and funerall Charges be paid & Satisfied Item I give and bequeath all that my two Lots of land messuages and Tenements with their appurtenances containing Forty Accors of Land each



situate at the Northside in the County of Richmond & Colony of New York  
 over against Shooters Iseland unto my Daughter Neeltiea the wife of  
 France Gebrantz to hold to her during her natural Life. She makeing nor  
 suffering no wast or destruction to be made thereupon and after her Deceas  
 I give and bequeath the same Lands to her two Sons Christian and Daniel  
 and to their Heirs and Assigns forever to be equali devided between them  
 Christian to have his choice of the two Lots the said Christian and Daniel  
 paying the Sum of Fifty pounds a piece to their two Sisters or to their  
 heirs or assigns in six months time after the decease of their Mother  
 Item I give and bequeath unto my two Grandsons Cornelius and Daniel  
 sons of my son Cornelius Corsen deceased and to their heirs and assigns  
 forever Ten Accors of Salt meadow each five Accors apiece lying in the  
 County abovesaid and adjoyning to Meadows belonging to Richard Merrill  
 and Mathew Decker Item I give and bequeath to my Grandson Daniel son  
 of my son Daniel Corsen Esqr. deceased and to his heirs and assigns forever  
 all the residue of my Lands and meadows in the County of Richmond and  
 Colony of New York with the Tenements Heridetaments and appurtenances  
 to the same belonging or in any ways appertaining To hold and enjoy the  
 same when he shall attain to the age of twenty one Years untill which time  
 if Mary Corsen Widow & Relict of my son Daniel Corsen deceased shall  
 remain his Widow then my Will is that she shall have and enjoy the benefit  
 of all and Singular the Lands meadows and Tenements willed to my  
 Grandson Daniel as afforesaid for maintaining and edducating the three  
 Children of my son Daniel Viz Richard Daniel and Ann but in case she  
 should marry before my afforesaid Grandson Daniel shall attain to the Age  
 of twenty one Year my Will is that she shall be bared & deprived of any  
 previlige or profit whaesoever of in or from the same but in case she *does*  
 not marry but remain my son Daniels Widdow it is my Will that she shall  
 possess & enjoy an equall shear of the profits of all the Lands with the  
 Heridetements willed to my Grandson Daniel as afforesaid as long as she  
 does remain my son Daniels Widdow and no longer Item I give and  
 bequeath to my Grand Children Peter Christian Cornelius & Daniel sons of  
 my son Cornelius Corsen Deceased and their heirs and assigns forever All  
 the Lands that does or shall belong to me in any part of the New Jerseys  
 to be equally devided between them shear and shear alike Item I give and  
 bequeath to my three Grandchildren Viz Richard Daniel and Ann Children  
 of my son Daniel Corsen deceased one halfe of all my moveable Estate to  
 be equally devided between them Shear and Shear alike the other halfe of  
 my moveable Estate I give to my Grand Children Peter Christian Cornelius  
 and Daniel Mary Jane Katherine and Ann Children of my son Cornelius  
 Corsen deceased two parts of the one halfe of the whole to be equally devided  
 between the abovesaid Peter Christian Cornelius and Daniel the other one  
 part to be equally divided between Mary Jane Katherine and Ann and lastly  
 I do constitute and appoint my Daughter in Law Mary Corsen Widow and  
 Relicts of my son Daniel deceased Executrix and my Grandson Cornelius  
 Corsen Abraham Speer & Daniel Lake my Executors of this my last Will  
 and Testament and my Will and Desier is that there shall be no wast nor  
 destruction made of the Timber or Wood otherways than that is for the use  
 of the Farm for fencing and fire Wood Item my Will and desier is that  
 my two Grandsons sons of my son Daniel Corsen deceased shall have a  
 Liberall Education according to the discretion of my Executors Item I



will that my Grandson Daniel son of my son Daniel deceased shall pay to his Sister Ann or to her heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns after the Decease of his mother fifty pounds Current money of New York as a Leagicy out of his part of the Estate willed to him as abovesaid the same to be paid in six months after his mothers Deceas And I do hereby revoke and make Null and void all other Wills & Testaments heretofore made declaring this to be my last Will and Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifth day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty two.

CHRISTAIN CORSEN (LS)

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named Christain Corsen for and as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us whose names are hereunto Subscribed as Witnesses in the presence of the Testator Witness

HENRY VELTMAN

WALTER CLENDON

JOHN HILLYER

### CODICAL

Be it known unto all Men by these presents that whereas I Christain Corsen Esq. of the County of Richmond & Colony of New York have made and declared my last Will and Testament in writing bearing date the fifth day of February in the Year of our Lord Christ One thousand and seven hundred and Sixty two And I the said Christain Corsen do by these presents Codical confirm and Ratefye my last Will and Testament and I do hereby Will and bequeath unto my four Granddaughters Viz Mary Jane Catherin and Ann daughters of my son Cornelious Corsen Esq. deceased & to their heirs & assigns for Ever an equal part and shear of the Lands & Tenements any ways belonging to me in any part of the New Jerseys shear and shear alike and my will is that the five acres of Salt meadows given or Willed to my Grandson Cornelious Corsen in said last Will and Testament shall be equally devided amongst my three Grand Children viz Cornelius Corsen Peter Corsen and Mary Mackleen & to their Heirs & Assigns shear and shear alike And my Will and meaning is that this Codical or Schedull be & be adjudged to be part of my last Will & Testament and that all things herein contained and mentioned be faithfully and truly performed and as fully and truly in every respect as if the same was so declared in said last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this ninth day of July in the Year of our Lord One thousand and seven hundred and sixty three.

CHRISTAIN CORSEN (LS)

Signed Sealed & declared by the above named Christain Corsen to be part of his last Will & in the presence of us the Subscribers whose Names are hereunto as Witnesses

JOHN HILLYER

PETER DE GROOT

his

THOMAS X LISK

mark



## CODICAL

I the before named Testator Christain Corsen have thought proper to make and I do by these presents make this Codical to my last Will and Testament and a former Codical thereto to which this is annexed (that is to say) Considering that by the Death of my Daughter in law Mary Corsen the late Widow of my son Daniel Corsen deceased without making any Will or Disposing of her Estate my Grandson Richard Corson the eldest son of the said Daniel and Mary is heir at Law to her the said Mary and thereby is entitled to a considerable real Estate whereof the said Mary died Seized Scituate on Staten Island in the County of Richmond which will be a suitable and sufficient provision for him the said Richard For this Reason I have thought proper and I do by these presents revoke and utterly annul all and every Gift Devise Legacy and Bequest in my said Will or Codicil given or devised to him the said Richard and I do hereby Debar and exclude him from any part or Share of my Estate Real & Personal And the better to provide for my Granddaughter Antie the daughter of my said son Daniel Corsen I do hereby give and bequeath unto my said Granddaughter Antie All and every part and Share parts of my Estate which in & by my last Will and Testament & former Codicil I have given or devised unto my said Grandson Richard to have and to hold the same and every part thereof unto my said Granddaughter Antie Corsen her Heirs Executors Administrators & Assigns to her & their Sole & only use benefit & behoof for Ever Item I likewise give and bequeath unto my said Granddaughter Antie a negro woman Slave called Bet and two Negro boys and one Negro Girl the Children of the said Bet which were lately purchased for me at the Vendue of the Estate of John Beck deceased To hold the same to her the said Antie Corsen her Executors Administrators & Assigns for Ever And a dispute having arisen concerning the property of the said Negro Woman Slave and her Children and an action now depending concerning the same. It is my will and I do order and direct that the said action and any further or other suite or Action which may arise or be prosecuted concerning the same shall be defended and maintained by the Moneys arising from my personal Estate And if it shall so happen that the said Negro Woman Slave and her Children or either of them shall be recovered by the present or any future Claimants thereof so that my Granddaughter the said Antie Corsen shall be deprived of or loose the said several Slaves or either of them Then it is my Will and I do hereby order & direct that the said Negro Woman Slave & her children or such of them as shall be so recovered and of whom my said Granddaughter shall be so deprived shall be valued by three indifferent persons to be for that purpose named and appointed by my Executors And I do will and order that the full Sum at which they shall be so valued and appraised shall be paid (by) my Executors unto the said Antie from and out of my whole personal Estate before any Division or distribution thereof Item I do by these presents ratify and Confirm my last Will & Testament and former Codicil in every respect and to all intents & purposes except only in such particulars as the same are by this my Codicil changed and altered In Testimony whereof I the said Christian Corsen have hereunto set my hand and Seal this day of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Sixty four.

CHRISTAIN CORSEN (LS)



Signed Sealed published & declared by the said Christain Corsen as a second Codicil to his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto in the presence & at the request of the Testator.

RICHARD LAWRENCE  
ABRAHAM BARCKLOW  
DEBORAH SMITH"

"STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

COUNTY OF NEW YORK

I, Martin G. McCue, Clerk of the Surrogate's Court of said county do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the last will and testament and Codicil thereto of CHRISTIAN CORSSSEN, deceased, admitted to probate January 7, 1766, and recorded in liber 25 of wills, page 212, with the original record thereof now remaining in this office, and have found the same to be a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original record.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Surrogate's Court of the County of New York, this 5th day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty."

"MARTIN McCUE

SEAL

Clerk of the Surrogate's Court."

The will and two codicils to the will of Christain Corssen were properly acknowledged by the witness or witnesses thereto before recording. These acknowledgments are omitted by the compiler from the certified copy as reproduced herewith, because of their length.

31 CORNELIUS CORSEN, the eldest son of Christian Corssen and Antje Croesen married Jannetje Boskirk of Bergen, N. J., about 1722. They had ten children, nine of whom were baptised in the Dutch Reformed Church of Staten Island, as follows:

- 311 MARYTJE CORSEN, bapt. Nov. 24, 1723, no witnesses recorded;
- 312 PIETER CORSEN, bapt. Aug. 13, 1725, witnesses, Pieter Bouman and Antje Croesen;
- 313 CHRISTIAAN CORSEN, bapt. Feb. 26, 1726, witnesses, Christiaan Corssen and Cornelia Corssen;
- 314 CORNELIUS CORSEN, bapt. Feb. 23, 1729, witnesses, Frans Gerbrants and Nieltje Corsen represented by Antje Croesen (probably died an infant);
- 315 CORNELIUS CORSEN, bapt. Feb. 21, 1731, witnesses, Cornelis Croesen and Helena van Tyle;
- 316 JACOBUS CORSEN, bapt. Oct. 22, 1732, witnesses were Jacobus Bakker and Maria Staats;

- 317 DANIEL CORSEN, bapt. Mar. 9, 1734, witnesses, Daniel Corsen and Cornelia Croesen;  
 318 CATHERINA CORSEN, bapt. Sept. 19, 1736, witnesses, Cornelis van Santvoord and Anna Staats;  
 319 ANTJE CORSEN, bapt. Sept. 23, 1738, witnesses were not recorded;  
 31:10 JANNETJE CORSEN (Jane), mentioned in the father's and grandfather's (Christian Corssen) wills, but no record of baptism was found. (Historical Miscellany by Stillwell, V. 1, pp. 82, 83, 84.)

Cornelius Corsen died in 1755 and his wife, Jannetje Boskirk, died in 1749; both are buried in the Church-yard of the Dutch Reformed Church, at Port Richmond, Staten Island, where two headstones, bearing the following inscriptions in the Dutch language, mark their graves:

Hier onder rust het lyk van  
 Cornelius Corsen, Esq.,  
 overleded den 26 Maart—  
 A. D. MDCCLV on—  
 —ynde LIII.

Hier legt het Lighaam van  
 Jannetia Van Boskirk,  
 Huys vrouw van Cornelius  
 Corsen—Overleeded den—  
 MDCCXLIX—Zyude L Jaar—

#### TRANSLATED

Here under rests the body of  
 Cornelius Corsen, Esq.,  
 who died the 26 March, 1755  
 in his 53—

Here lies the body of  
 Jane Van Boskirk,  
 wife of Cornelius Corsen—  
 died the —, 1749,  
 in her 50th year.

Cornelius Corsen's will, dated Feb. 2, 1755, recorded in Liber 19 of Wills, page 255, New York County, was probated May 1, 1755. By this instrument he was evidently survived by his sons: Cornelius; Christian; Daniel; Pieter; Jacobus; and daughters: Marytje; Catherina; Antje; and Jannetje. All these children, except Jacobus, were mentioned in the will of Cornelius Corsen's father, Christian Corssen, which was probated eleven years later. Jacobus no doubt had died in this intervening time.

Cornelius Corsen conveyed to his children as follows: Sons Cornelius and Daniel all lands purchased from Thos. Dongan; to his son, Pieter, 340 pounds current money; to his son, Jacobus, 355 pounds; to his "son Christain's child named Cornelius, thirty pounds"; to his daughter, Mary McLean, 120 pounds; to his daughters Catherina; Ann; and Jannetje; each 155 pounds. He named "Charles McLean my son-in-law and Daniel Corsen my loving brother both of said county executors to this my last Will and Testament." It was signed: "Cornelius Corsen."

311 MARYTJE CORSEN, the eldest daughter of Cornelius Corsen and Jannetje Boskirk, married Charles McLean. They



had the following children baptised in the Dutch Reformed Church of Staten Island:

3111 ELIZABET McLEAN, bapt. May 21, 1744, witnesses, Cornelius Corsen and Jannetje Corsen;

3112 JANNETJE McLEAN, bapt. Oct. 13, 1747, witnesses, Aron van Namen and Mary McLean;

3113 WILLEM McLEAN, bapt. Sept. 19, 1749, witnesses, Cornelius Corsen and Jannetje Boskirk;

3114 MARIA McLEAN, bapt. Nov. 7, 1753, no witnesses recorded;

3115 CATRIENA McLEAN, bapt. July 27, 1755, witness, Cattriena Corsen (wife of Jan Staats).

(Hist. Miscellany, by Stillwell, V. 1, pp. 84, 85, 88, and N. Y. G. & B. Soc. Collections, V. 4, pp. 53, 62.)

315 CORNELIUS CORSEN, the son of Cornelius Corsen and Jannetje Boskirk and grandson of Christian Corssen and Antje Croesen, was baptised Feb. 21, 1731. He was the second son to be named Cornelius by his parents, the first Cornelius having died in infancy. According to his will, probated Apr. 27, 1789, and recorded in Liber "A" of Wills, p. 17, Richmond County, Staten Island, his wife's name was Nelly ———, and they had the following children:

3151 JANE CORSEN, who married John Poillon;

3152 RICHARD CORSEN, who married Margaret ———.

3153 DANIEL CORSEN, who married Cornelia ———.

3154 CORNELIUS CORSEN, III, whose first wife was Jane ———; the second, Louisa Lockman;

3155 A DAUGHTER, not named in the will, but referred to as the wife of Joseph Lake, who had children:

31551 DANIEL LAKE;

31552 JOSEPH LAKE.

3154 CORNELIUS CORSEN, III, and his wife, Jane ———, according to his will probated on July 30, 1832, and recorded in Liber "D" of Wills, p. 175, Richmond County, N. Y., had the following children:

31541 RICHARD CORSON, who married Henrietta Lockman, a sister of his father's second wife;

31542 JANE CORSON, who married ——— Simonson, and had two daughters:

315421 JANE SIMONSON, married Robt. Brantingham;

315422 MARY ANN SIMONSON, who was the wife of John Flake.

31543 WILLIAM CORSON, who according to his father's will was deceased, but had left the following children:

315431 CORNELIUS CORSON;

315432 JANE CORSON;

315433 WILLIAM LEONARD CORSON.

31541 RICHARD CORSON, the eldest son of Cornelius and Jane Corson, and his wife, Henrietta (Lockman) Corson, had the following children:

- 315411 SAMUEL CORSON, born 1821, died in infancy;
- 315412 JULIA ANNA CORSON, born June 10, 1823, married James A. Van Auken;
- 315413 CORNELIUS CORSON, born Oct. 10, 1827, married Elizabeth Walker;
- 315414 MARY LOUISA CORSON, born Mar. 13, 1830, married, first, William Henry Bowen, and second, Bernard Emile Ullman;
- 315415 CATHERINE ELIZA CORSON, born July 22, 1832, married Henry Talbot Metcalfe.

315412 JULIA ANNA CORSON, the daughter of Richard and Henrietta (Lockman) Corson, married James A. Van Auken, a descendant of an old Dutch family of Albany, in 1850, and had the following children:

- 3154121 EDWARD IRVING VAN AUKEN, who married Eleanor Brantingham;
- 3154122 WILLIAM E. VAN AUKEN, died unmarried;
- 3154123 LOUISA VAN AUKEN, died unmarried;
- 3154124 HENRIETTA MARIA VAN AUKEN, who married Edgar N. Jessup of Staten Island.

315413 CORNELIUS CORSON, the eldest son of Richard and Henrietta Lockman Corson, married Elizabeth Walker, and had the following children:

- 3154131 CORNELIUS CREIGHTON CORSON;
- 3154132 HENRIETTA M. CORSON;
- 3154133 PERCIVAL SANKSEY CORSON.

315414 MARY LOUISA CORSON, a daughter of Richard and Henrietta (Lockman) Corson, married, first, William Henry Bowen. Their only child:

- 3154141 A DAUGHTER, died in infancy.

She married, second, Bernard Emile Ullman, on July 31, 1848. They had one son:

- 3154142 PERCIVAL GLENROY ULLMAN.

3154142 PERCIVAL GLENROY ULLMAN was born May 29, 1849. He was admitted to the Bar of the State of New York in 1870, and practiced his profession on Staten Island and Manhattan for many years. Percival Glenroy Ullman was the author of "THE COURSEN (CORSON) FAMILY," in which he gave us many genealogical records of interest about the family, especially the Staten Island families from whom he was descended.



He married Isabelle Sarah Butcher, the daughter of William and Emma Tucker Butcher, of St. Andries, England. They resided after 1875 at Huguenot Park, Staten Island. Their children were:

31541421 PERCIVAL GLENROY ULLMAN, JR., who married ———, and have a son:

315414211 REGINALD GLENROY ULLMAN;

31541422 ROSCOE TUCKER ULLMAN, died in infancy;

31541423 ISABELLE SARAH ULLMAN, married Rev. Robert Henry Locke, an Episcopal minister. They have a son:

315414231 ROBERT DELECARTE LOCKE.

315415 CATHERINE ELIZA CORSON, a daughter of Richard and Henrietta Corson, married Henry Talbot Metcalfe. They had the following children:

3154151 EMILY METCALFE;

3154152 ELIZABETH METCALFE;

3154153 HENRY METCALFE;

3154154 GEORGE METCALFE;

3154155 CHARLES METCALFE.

317 DANIEL CORSEN, a son of Cornelius and Jannetje Boskirk, married Elizabeth Bogart. They had five sons:

3171 CORNELIUS CORSEN, bapt. Sept. 17, 1758, the witnesses were Daniel Corson and Maria Stillwell, the uncle and aunt of the baby's father.

3172 WILLIAM HOWE CORSEN, bapt. Feb. 25, 1777, the witness was Gen. William Howe, the Commander-in-Chief of the British in the Revolutionary War. This baptism was the only one found of the early Corson families, that was not baptised in the Dutch Reformed Church. William Howe Corson was baptised in the Episcopal Church.

3173 JOHN CORSEN;

3174 DANIEL CORSEN;

3175 RICHARD CORSEN.

3172 WILLIAM HOWE CORSEN, born Nov. 24, 1776, bapt. Feb. 25, 1777, by Rev. Mr. Charlton, of the Episcopal Church. An interesting Revolutionary War story, relating how Daniel Corson and wife, although ardent Whigs, came to name their son, William Howe, in honor of the British Commander-in-Chief, Sir William Howe, who sponsored the baptism, is found on pages 107-8 this volume. Although the baptismal records of John, Daniel and Richard Corson were not found, they are listed as the sons of Daniel and Elizabeth (Bogart) Corson, because of the following, reproduced from page 362, Clute's ANNALS OF STATEN ISLAND.

"Daniel Corson and his wife Elizabeth Bogart also had three other sons, John, Daniel and Richard; Richard married Elizabeth Egbert, and they were

the parents of (31751) Mr. Abraham E. Corsen of Mariner's Harbor. Daniel built the stone house still standing near the Richmond Turnpike, and now the property of A. C. Bradley, Esq.; subsequently he owned a farm on the Clove road, now or recently the property of Haynes Lord, Esq., where he died, and the place came into the possession of his son, Richard. William Howe Corson lived to have a family of his own; a short time previous to the war of 1812, he was murdered, and his body concealed under a bridge on the public road. Evidently he had been robbed. The perpetrators of the crime were never detected."

3175 RICHARD CORSON, born Sept. 9, 1787, married Elizabeth Egbert; he died June 4, 1865. They had a son:

31751 ABRAHAM E. CORSON, born Nov. 5, 1803, died Jan. 8, 1887; he had a son:

317511 JOSHUA D. CORSON, born Apr. 16, 1837, died July 25, 1918, married Eleanor ———. They had the following children:

3175111 KOHLER CORSON;

3175112 EDWARD CORSON;

3175113 WILLIAM CORSON;

3175114 ABRAHAM E. CORSON;

3175115 JOSHUA D. CORSON;

3175116 BRETRAM C. CORSON;

3175117 MELLVILLE W. CORSON;

3175118 ELLA M. CORSON, married ——— Decker;

3175119 CARRIE L. CORSON, married ——— Vreeland.

The above line from 3175 Richard Corson was furnished to the compiler by 3175114 Abraham E. Corson. Requests for additional information brought no response. Abraham E. Corson lived at 35 Houseman Ave., Port Richmond, Staten Island.

32 NIELTJE CORSEN, the only daughter of Christiaen Corssen and Antje Croesen, married Frans Gerbrants, and had the following children baptised in the Dutch Church of Staten Island, and New Amsterdam:

321 ELIZABETH GERBRANTS, bapt. May 26, 1727, witnesses were Cornelis Corsen and Antje Croesen. Cornelis Corsen was a brother of the mother and Antje Croesen was her mother;

322 ANTJE GERBRANTS, bapt. Nov. 11, 1730, witnesses, Wessel Wessels and Susanna Bradt;

323 FRANCE GERBRANTS, JR., bapt. Apr. 19, 1743, witnesses, Cornelis Corsen and Nieltje Backer;

324 DANIEL GERBRANTS, bapt. Sept. 16, 1756, witnesses were Antje Croesen, the mother of Nieltje Corsen and Daniel Corsen, Nieltje's brother.

325 NAILTJE GERBRANTS, baptised as a daughter of France Garribrance (Gerbrants) and Naile Corsen, no date or witnesses were given.

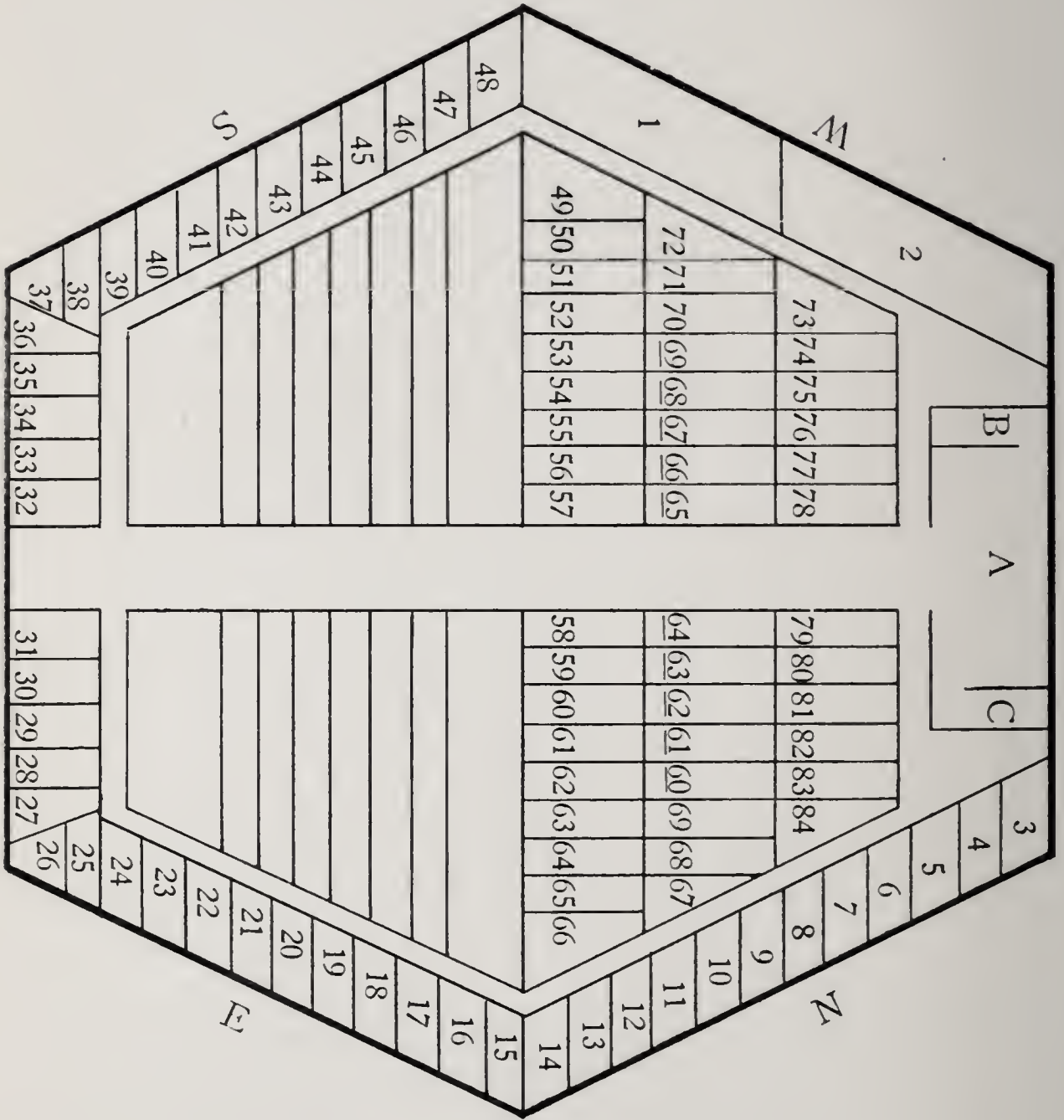
(N. Y. G. & B. Soc. Col. V. 2, p. 501, for Antje; others in N. Y. G. & B. Soc. Col. V. 4, pp. 38, 52, 55, 67.)





DIAGRAM OF THE SECOND EDIFICE OF THE  
REFORMED DUTCH CHURCH AT  
PORT RICHMOND.

Built about 1714—destroyed during the Revolution.



*Platform van den Christelyk Needer duytsche Kerk op  
Statens Eiland, den 30<sup>en</sup> 7ber Anno Dom: 1751.*

DANL. CORSEN FECIT.



## KEY TO THE "PLATFORM"

Translation of the title: "Plan of the Christian Low Dutch Church on Staten Island, the 30th September, in the year of our Lord 1751; made by Daniel Corsen."

A. Predikestoel—Pulpit. B. Ouderlingen—Elders. C. Diakenen—Deacons.

1 Boumeester's Plaats en Kerkmeester's Plaats—The Master-Builder's Place and the Church-Warden's Place.

2 Plaats voor den Overheidt—Place for the Magistrate.	
3 Nicholas Backer	54 Cornelia Veghte
4 Douwe Van Wogelom	55 Vacant
5 Ernst Lende, Henrik Croesen	56 Helena Croesen
6 Jan Veghte	57 Elisabet Corsen, Sister Bock
7 Jacob Corsen, Cornelis Corsen	58 Maria Praal
8 Gerrit Croesen, Abraham Croesen	59 Catrina Berckelo
9 Joshua Mersereaux	60 Sara Elles
10 Gerrit Kroessen	61 Arayaentie Elles
11 Gerrit Post, Cor <sup>s</sup> Krock	62 Elizabeth Baker
12 Pieter De Groot	63 Sara Post
13 Johannes De Groot	64 Belitie De Groot
14 Jan Van Pelt, and another illegible	65 Elizabeth De Groot
15 Joris Prall	66 Aeyea Speer
16 Thomas Burbank	67 Vacant
17 Jacob Van Pelt	68 Maria Mersereau
18 Peter Martlinghe	69 Fransyntje Post and another erased
19 Cornelius Croesen	60 <i>Marigrita Simonze</i>
20 Egbert Hagabot	61 <i>Marritje Burbank</i>
21 Robert De Groot	62 <i>Neliete Vreelandt</i>
22 Hendrik Proll, and another erased	63 <i>Ainatie Martlinghs</i>
23 Johannes Simonson	64 <i>Elsje Merrill</i>
The succeeding nine are vacant	65 <i>Gurtruyde Merrell</i>
33 Antonie Van Pelt	66 <i>Antje Corsen</i>
34 Jon Roll, Junr.	67 <i>Cornelia Croesen</i>
35 Joseae Morseroe, Junr.	68 <i>Gerret Croesen</i>
36 Cornelius Elles	69 ———— <i>Simonse</i>
37 Vacant	70 <i>Cornelia</i> ————
38 Art Simonson or Simonze	71 De Nakomelings van (the descend-
39 Richard Merrell	ants of) Catharine Hoogelandt
40 Jan Roll	72 Vacant
41 Cornelius ————sen.	73 Knelia ————ricke
42 Isaac Simonze	74 Magritie Gerrode?
43 Johanne Vanwagena	75 Jannetje Van Woggelom
44 Wilhelmus Vreelandt	76 Maria Beekman
45 Cornelius Corsen	77 Fermie Van B———
46 Christian Corsen	78 Vacant
47 Otto Van Tuyl	79 Fytie Mersereau
48 Jacob Corsen	80 Lena Van Wagene
49 Vacant	81 Maria Prall
50 Nealtje Hagewout	82 Annietie fountain
51 Cornelia Corsen	83 Wintie Van Tuyls
52 Aaltje Van Pelt	84 Rebecca Staats
53 Jan Veghte	

It will be observed that the numbers from 60 to 69, both inclusive, are duplicated; we have underscored the duplicated numbers. It will also be observed that according to the universal custom in the olden times, the sexes were separated in their seats.

Across the ends of 76, 77 and 78 are written the words "Stoelen voor den Predikant"—Chairs for the Preacher.

This was the second church edifice; it was built about 1714, partially destroyed by fire, by the British early in the Revolution as a rebel church, what was left standing, was subsequently blown down, in a heavy gale.

The name of Daniel Corsen does not appear among those of the pew-holders; but as he was generally the incumbent of some civil office, his seat was in No. 1 or 2. He was county clerk at the time he made the diagram.





33 DANIEL CORSEN, the second son of Christiaen Corssen and Antje Croesen, born about 1714, married prior to 1753, Maria Stillwell, who at the time of her marriage to Daniel Corssen, was the widow, Maria or Mary Seabrook. An interesting record, found in page 234, Vol. 4, HISTORICAL MISCELLANY, by J. E. Stillwell, gives us the following concerning Daniel's wife.

"Mary Stillwell, the daughter of John Stillwell, of Staten Island, son of Richard Stillwell, was single in 1724, as per her father's will, but she was the widow, Mary Seabrook, in 1748, as per her brother Richard's will. She was the wife of Daniel Corssen, Nov., 1757, who was born about 1714, and who died Jan. 26, 1761. She was living as late as 1766, when she was nominated as executrix in the will of Christian Corssen, her father-in-law. She apparently had no children by her husband, Mr. Seabrook."

Daniel Corssen and Maria Stillwell had two sons baptised in the Dutch Reformed Church of Staten Island on the same day. They were:

331 RICHARD CORSEN, bapt. Nov. 7, 1753, the witnesses for Richard were Gerardus and Maria Beelman, represented by Nieltje Corssen.

332 DANIEL CORSEN, bapt. Nov. 7, 1753, the witnesses were Cornelius Corssen, a brother of the father, and Antje Croesen, the mother of the father.

Daniel Corssen, Sr., for many years was County Clerk of Richmond County, his name appearing on the old records from 1739 to 1761. In 1751 he made a plan of the seating arrangement of the Christian Low Dutch Church on Staten Island, giving the occupant or owner of the different pews or seats. This Church is said to have been built about 1714, probably on the site that Governor Hunter had granted in that year. It was partially destroyed by fire by the British in the Revolution as a rebel church. The plan of this Church and the key to the "Platform," as reproduced on pages 452 and 453, Annals of Staten Island, by Clute, is shown on the foregoing pages. This record is most interesting and the reader will clearly see that a majority of the seats were occupied either by the different members of the Corssen families or families that had intermarried with them, families that made up the Dutch settlement on the North shore of the Island.

331 RICHARD CORSEN, who probably was the son of Daniel and Maria Stillwell Corssen, baptised a daughter in the New Church on the North side of Staten Island. She was:

3311 CATHERINA CORSON, bapt. Aug. 30, 1789. (Historical Miscellany, by Stillwell, V. 1, p. 147.)

## XV

### CORNELIA CORSSEN AND HER DESCENDANTS

4 CORNELIA CORSSEN, baptised Aug. 13, 1681, was the youngest daughter of Capt. Cornelis Corssen and Maritje van der Grift. She married Hendrick Croesen, the son of Garret Croesen, prior to 1696. The Croesens or Kroesens were of Dutch descent. It is not known when Garret, who was probably the first of the name in America, emigrated. It is said that Garret Dircksen Croesen came from Wynschoten or Nirn Shoten in Groningen. He married Neeltje Jans, Oct. 30, 1661, and is recorded as a member of the Reformed Dutch Church of Breuckelen in the same year. He owned land in Breuckelen between that of Jacob Brouwer and that of Volgert Hendrickse Bries or Breets, and was recorded on the assessment rolls of Brooklyn in the years 1675 and 1676. In the same year, Sir Edward Andross granted him a patent for 160 acres on Staten Island, to which place he removed.

The Croesen family for years was one of the prominent families in the Dutch settlement on the North shore of the Island. Time and again the Croesen family married into the Corsen family not only on Staten Island, but also in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, where some of the family had emigrated as early as 1718. Garret Croesen and Neeltje Jans had the following children: Dirck, bapt. July 16, 1662, witnesses, Adam Brouwer and Grietje Jans, married Elizabeth Kregier, May 4, 1684; Hendrick, born in 1666, married Cornelia Corssen; Elsje; Annetje or Antje, bapt. Dec. 9, 1677, married Christiaan Corssen.

Hendrick Croesen and his wife, Cornelia Corssen, were members of the Reformed Dutch Church of Staten Island, where baptismal records of five of their children were found. They were as follows:

- 41 MARITJE CROESEN, born Sept. 28, 1698, bapt. Dec., 1698, by Reverend Batolvus, witnesses were Derrick Croesen and Catherina (Corssen) Staats;
- 42 GARRET CROESEN, born May 20, 1703, bapt. June, 1703, by Reverend Batolvus, witnesses were Jacob Corssen and Tryntje Backers;
- 43 CORNELIS CROESEN, born Sept. 7, 1708, and baptised by Reverend Batolvus, Oct. 19, 1708, witnesses were Jan Staats and Antje (Croesen) Corssen.
- 44 NEELTJE CROESEN, born Apr. 1 (or 4), 1713, bapt. Apr. 22, 1713, by Reverend Batolvus, witnesses Christiaan Corssen and Elizabeth



(Viele) Corssen as Godmother (Als getuyge Christjaan Corse als peet lysabet korse) ;

- 45 CORNELIA CROESEN, bapt. Oct. 30, 1716, witnesses, Benjamin Corssen and his wife, Blandina Corssen. (Translated from the original church records in the Dutch language as reproduced in HISTORICAL MISCELLANY, by J. E. Stillwell, Vol. 1, pp. 104, 106.)

41 MARIA (MARITJE) CROESEN, the eldest child of Cornelia Corssen and Hendrick Croesen, married Jacob Bergen. They had the following children baptised in the Reformed Dutch Church of Staten Island :

- 411 CORNELIA BERGEN, bapt. Jan. 1, 1729, witnesses were Henrik Croesen and Cornelia Corssen ;  
 412 JACOB BERGEN, bapt. Sept. 23, 1731, no witnesses were recorded ;  
 413 CORNELIA BERGEN, bapt. Sept. 4, 1737, witnesses were Henrik Croesen and Cornelia Corssen. (N. Y. Gen. & Biog. Soc. Col. Vol. 4, pp. 37, 41, 48.)

42 GARRET CROESEN, son of Hendrick Croesen and Cornelia Corssen, married first, Geertruyd van Tuyl. They lived on Staten Island, where they baptised three children in the Reformed Dutch Church :

- 421 HENDRICK CROESEN, bapt. Dec. 8, 1723, witnesses were Hendrick Croesen and Cornelia Corssen ;  
 422 FEMMETJE CROESEN, bapt. Sept. 13, 1728, witnesses, Abram van Tuyl and Femmetje de Nys ;  
 423 ABRAHAM CROESEN, bapt. Aug. 6, 1732, witnesses were Abraham van Tuyl and Femmetje de Nys.

Garret Croesen married second, Classje Brinkerhof and they had three baptisms in the Dutch Church of Staten Island as follows :

- 424 CORNELIA CROESEN, bapt. Aug. 27, 1740, witnesses were Hendrich Croesen and Cornelia Corssen ;  
 425 MARIA CROESEN, bapt. Apr. 18, 1743, witnesses were Henderick Blinkerhof and Geesje Blinkerhof ;  
 426 HENRIK CROESEN, bapt. June 24, 1752, no witnesses recorded. (N. Y. Gen. & Biog. Soc. Col., Vol. 4, pp. 29, 36, 43, 51, 52, 60.)

43 CORNELIS CROESEN, son of Cornelia Corssen and Hendrick Croesen, married Helena van Tuyl. They lived on Staten Island and baptised three children in the Dutch Church as follows :

- 431 HENRIK CROESEN, bapt. Oct. 10, 1731, witnesses were Henrik Croesen and Cornelia Corssen ;  
 432 ABRAHAM CROESEN, bapt. July 29, 1733, witnesses were Abraham van Tuyl and Femmetje de Nys ;

433 CORNELIS CROESEN, JR., bapt. Aug. 8, 1736, no witnesses recorded.  
(N. Y. Gen. & Biog. Soc. Col., Vol. 4, pp. 41, 44, 48.)

432 ABRAHAM CROESEN, son of Cornelis Croesen and Helena van Tuyl, or of Garret Croesen and Geertruyd van Tuyl, married Antje Symonson, and baptised children in the Dutch Church of Staten Island:

4321 Geertruy Croesen, bapt. Sept. 17, 1758, no witnesses;

4322 JOHANNES CROESEN, bapt. June 14, 1759, witness, Johannes Symonsen.

433 CORNELIUS CROESEN, son of Cornelis Croesen and Helena van Tuyl, married Beelitje de Groot and baptised a son in the Dutch Church of Staten Island.

4331 CORNELIUS CROESEN, JR., bapt. Aug. 26, 1759, no witnesses.

(N. Y. Gen. & Biog. Soc. Col., Vol. 4, pp. 64, 65.)



## XVI

# BENJAMIN CORSSSEN, THE FOREFATHER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA AND OHIO BRANCHES OF THE FAMILY

5 BENJAMIN CORSSSEN, the third son of Capt. Cornelis Corssen and Maritje van der Grift, was born in the year 1686. He married, about 1712-13, Blandina Viele, the widow of Jan Jansen van Woggelum. They lived on Staten Island until 1726, where it seems Benjamin was engaged as a farmer or yeoman. His mark for cattle, sheep, and horses was recorded in Richmond County, Dec. 10, 1722. A copy of this record as given on page 32, Vol. 1, HISTORICAL MISCELLANY, by Stillwell, follows:

“Bengiman Corson his Mark for his Chattle & sheep & horses (horses crossed out). A half penny in the under Side of the left ear and for his horses branded with letters B.K. upon the Left Buttick.”

Benjamin Corssen and Blandina Viele had three children baptised in the Reformed Dutch Church of Staten Island. They were:

- 51 CORNELIUS CORSSSEN, bapt. May 4, 1714, witnesses were Jacob Corssen, a brother of Benjamin, and Antie Corssen, the wife of Benjamin's brother, Christiaan;
- 52 MARIA CORSSSEN, bapt. Aug. 13, 1716, the witnesses this time were Benjamin's brother, Christiaan Corssen, and Elizabeth (Viele) Corssen, the wife of Benjamin's brother, Jacob, Elizabeth acting as Godmother;
- 53 BENJAMIN CORSSSEN, JR., bapt. Aug. 3, 1718, the witnesses were the father's sister, Cornelia Corssen, and her husband, Hendrick Croesen.

Following is a reproduction of these baptismal records as they were recorded, in the Dutch Reformed Church at Staten Island; in the Dutch language, with no attempt to change the spelling:

“Beniamin Corssen zyn foon Cornelis is gedoopt Anno 1714 den 4 May De Getuigen bennen Jacob Corssen en Antie Corssen.”

“Benjamin Corssen Syn Doghter gedoopt en genaement Maria als Getuygen Chrisjaen Corssen als peet Elysabet Corssen en Dat en Jaer 1716 Den 13 agusta.”

DATE	KINDER	OUDER	GETUYGEN
1718 den 3 Augusti	Benjamin	Benjamin Corssen Blandina Viele	Hendrick Croesen Cornelia Corssen

(Historical Miscellany, by John E. Stillwell, Vol. 1, pp. 62 & 98.)

Benjamin Corssen and his wife, Blandina Viele, were quite often witnesses at baptisms, according to the records of the Reformed Dutch Church of Staten Island. The last time so recorded was on the 5th of August, 1724, when they were recorded as witnesses at the baptism of Zuster, the daughter of Douwe van Woggelum and Jannetje Staats. Blandina was the mother of Douwe van Woggelum by her first husband and Benjamin Corssen was the brother of Jannetje Staats' mother, Catherina Corssen. It was two years after this in 1726, that Benjamin Corssen with his wife and three children and at least one stepchild, Blandina Janse van Woggelum, moved to Bucks County, Pennsylvania, there to make his home and become the progenitor of the Pennsylvania and Ohio branch of the family. Nineteen years later he was officially recorded as removed from the County of Richmond, Staten Island, as is disclosed by the following record:

"Richmond County, Sept. the 9th 1745.

The Ear Mark of Balthus Deharts Cattle and Sheep is a half Penny marked at ye under Part of the left Ear, this being the Ear Mark of Benjamin Corssen's Cattle, who is removed out of this County, therefore ye same is now recorded for ye sd. Balthus Dehart.

Before me,

DANIEL CORSEN, Clerk.

(HISTORICAL MISCELLANY, by J. E. Stillwell, Vol. 1, p. 55.)

Before we continue the story of Benjamin Corssen and his family in Pennsylvania, let us see what the records show about the ancestors of Blandina Viele, the wife of Benjamin Corssen and of Elizabeth Viele, the wife of Benjamin's eldest brother, Jacob Corssen.



## XVII

### THE ANCESTORS OF ELIZABETH AND BLANDINA VIELE

CORNELIS VOLCKERTSEN VIELE, the grandfather of Elizabeth and Blandina Viele who married the brothers, Jacob and Benjamin Corssen, came from Knipphausen, in Oldenburg. He sailed for New Netherland on the ship "De Eendracht," which left Holland in May, 1634. He returned on the same ship, which reached Amsterdam before Dec. 3, 1635, having worked his way over on the boat. (Minutes of the Amsterdam Chamber of the West India Company, 1635-36; see N. Y. Gen. & Biog. Record, July, 1918, Vol. 49, pp. 224, 228.)

Mr. van Laer advised that the name "Viele" is apparently a variant spelling of the Frisian name, Fyle, used as a patronymic. Miss K. K. Viele, in her *SKETCHES OF ALLIED FAMILIES, KNICKERBOCKER-VIELE*, sought to establish that Cornelis Volckertsen Viele was the same person as Cornelis Volckertsen of Hoorn, a Director of the New Netherland Company; that this Director was a brother of Dirck Volckertsen Velius, the historian of Hoorn, and, consequently that "Viele" was a corruption of Velius, the latinized form of "zeilmaker," or sailmaker. In several letters, written shortly before her death, she admitted her conviction that Mr. van Laer was correct. On Nov. 27, 1916, Miss Viele wrote to Mr. van Laer as follows: "I am just getting over the shock of finding the 'Velius' claim unreliable. I doubt if I can go back of the 1635 item from Resolution which you found in 1910 at the Hague." ("Resolution" meaning The Minutes of the Amsterdam Chamber of the Dutch West India Company, 1635-36.)

Cornelis Volckertsen Viele soon returned to New Netherland as he was a trader and tavern-keeper in New Amsterdam in 1639. He kept his tavern and resided upon the east side of Heerewegh or Broadway, upon a land grant which was conveyed to him by the Dutch authorities about that time. He married, previous to 1640, Marye du Trieux, who was baptised in the Walloon Church at Leiden, Holland, Apr. 5, 1617, as the daughter of Philippe du Trieu (Trieux) and Jacquemine Nouret (Noiret). Marye's mother presumably died while she was an infant, as the same Walloon Church Register records the Act of Betrothal of July

17, 1621, of Philippe Dutrieux, of Robey (Robaix) Department du Nord, France, worsted dyer, aged 34, widower of Jacquemine Noiret, and Susanna du Chesne, aged 20, orphan, assisted by Jean Pinson, her cousin. On Mar. 9, 1624, Philippe Dutrieux received from the church at Leiden a certificate of transfer "pour West-inde," meaning that he was about to sail for New Netherland. (Extracts from the Register of the Walloon Church at Leiden, given at the end of Miss K. K. Viele's SKETCHES OF ALLIED FAMILIES, KNICKERBOCKER-VIELE.)

Philippe du Trieux, born 1587, was therefore among the Walloons, who sailed at the end of Mar., 1624, for New Netherland on the ship "Nieuw Nederland." These records from the Walloon Church at Leiden, Holland, establish clearly that Philippe du Trieux was a native of Roubaix, a city in the northern part of France, near the Belgian border, and that his second wife, Susanna du Chesne, was from Sedan, also a city of Northern France. Obviously, they were French Huguenots,\* exiles, seeking a country where religious freedom would be granted.

When Cornelis Volckertsen Viele came to New Amsterdam, he probably lodged at the tavern of Philippe du Trieux and thus became acquainted with his future wife. The latter had an illegitimate daughter, who was afterwards adopted by Pieter van Couwenhoven. It may be well to believe as Miss K. K. Viele suggested in a letter to Mr. van Laer, that Cornelis Volckertsen Viele "remained away from New Amsterdam long enough for Marye du Trieux to perhaps have married Pieter van Couwenhoven and then returned like an Enoch Arden."

\* In the strict sense the term, Huguenot, applies to the Protestants of central and southern France, who in the 16th and 17th centuries formed a strong political party, whose chief stronghold was La Rochelle. As Philippe du Trieux came from Roubaix, a few miles northeast of Lille, near the Belgian border, he can hardly be included among the Huguenots, in that sense. The term Huguenot, however, is also loosely used to designate French Protestants in general. In that sense, therefore, it is perfectly proper to speak of du Trieux as a Huguenot, although, racially, he belonged no doubt to the people who are generally called Walloons. The Huguenot Society of London has paid a good deal of attention to the church records of places in Artois and Picardie and includes the members of those churches, who came to England, among the Huguenots. Likewise, the *Bulletin de Commission de l'histoire des eglises Wallonnes*, the organ of the Walloon churches in Holland, frequently refers to refugees from the neighborhood of Lille as Huguenots. (Opinion of Mr. A. J. F. van Laer, Archivist of the University of the State of New York, to compiler.)



Cornelis Volckertsen Viele and Marye du Trieux had the following children baptised in the Dutch Church of New Amsterdam:

AERNOUDT, bapt. May 27, 1640, witnesses were Isaac de Forest, Teunis Cray, Schipper (Captain), Jan Cant;

CORNELIS, bapt. Feb. 5, 1643, witnesses were Philip du Trieux, Anneka Bogardus, Gerrit Molenaer;

JACOMINTJE, bapt. Aug. 20, 1645, witnesses, Jan Evertsen Bout, Isaac Abrahamse, Schipper (Captain), Susanna du Trieux;

PIETER, bapt. Feb. 9, 1648, witnesses, Aert Willemse, Goelman, Henry Schouten tot Vlissingen (Sheriff of Flushing), Evert Van Embden, Maria Thomas, Barentie Gerrits.

(N. Y. Gen. & Biog. Soc. Col., Vol. 2, pp. 10, 14, 19, 24.)

Cornelis Volckertsen died in New Amsterdam about 1648-9, and his wife, Maria du Trieux, who was destined to be the grandmother of Blandina and Elizabeth Viele, married in 1650, Jan Peeck, part Indian trader, part broker between the English and Dutch merchants, and part general speculator. Maria du Trieux, called de Truye by the Dutch, continued with her second husband to operate the tavern, but Jan Peeck's trading expeditions made it necessary for him to be away from home for long intervals, at which time his very capable wife managed the tavern business. It was in 1664, while thus engaged, that the authorities at New Amsterdam accused her of the serious offense of selling liquor to the Indians. That she must have been guilty of "bootlegging" is evident, as she was fined 500 guilders, and banished from New Amsterdam.

Maria is said, at this time, to have taken up her residence in the settlement of Schenectady, for a short period; but the English took over control of New Amsterdam the following year, and Maria soon returned to New York and took up her residence in a house on Hoogh Street. Notwithstanding this little escapade, this woman was evidently a good mother as her children became leaders of the pioneers of those days.

Aernoudt had probably the greatest influence with, and enjoyed the greatest confidence of the Redskins of any man of his day. He organized large trading and exploring expeditions, penetrating far west into the unknown wilderness. He is credited with being the first white man to view the Ohio River. The early records of our country recount the achievements of Aernoudt Cornelisen Viele, who, as a representative of the government, was entrusted time and time again with bringing to a successful conclusion difficulties or threatened difficulties with the Indians. For a complete account of these achievements, see pages 1 to 30 in the VIELE



FAMILY, by Kathryn K. Viele, who sums up these records with the following:

"Here ends the public records of as good a public servant as this country has ever had. One gets a glimpse in these dry records of the difficult life of the early settlers, with enemies and possible enemies on every side. Constant and unremitting had to be the watch on the "Wilden," capable of such fearful vengeance. None but an intrepid spirit could face them again and again and keep control of them as did Aernoudt Cornelisen Viele.

"We find him associated with the English officials, with military officers, with the French and English Commissioners and with Jesuit priests. And although often placed in trying circumstances in his position as go between, he retains to the last his good name with both sides. Once he was outwitted, perhaps by the Jesuit de Lamberville and the wily French agents, but he failed not to talk to the Indians in the tone of one who expects to be obeyed.

"Take him all in all he was a fine type of the sturdy Dutch pioneers who wrestled so persistently to secure the lands which are ours today. It was due to such as he that the French in the North were held in check and our Empire State was preserved to the English until it became American."

CORNELIS CORNELISEN VIELE was only six years old when his father died. He grew up under the care of his very capable mother and step-father with an understanding of the Indian—his ways, his language and his manner of trading—which fitted him to be an interpreter and a friend of the Red man as was his brother Aernoudt. He seems to have gone to Schenectady, possibly with his mother in 1664, where he conducted a tavern and no doubt a trading business with the Indians in connection with same. There is record of his acting as interpreter and of his refusing so to act. There is record of a gift to him from the Indians, which vouches for their friendly feeling, and, doubtless, their sense of obligation, for the Indians never forgot a friend any more than they did an enemy.

His license as a tavern keeper in Schenectady was granted to him in 1672, as a special favor from the Albany authorities for services rendered to them, so that Cornelis Cornelisen Viele, while not the brilliant man that Aernoudt was, takes the position of a dignified, substantial, and worthy representative of that brave and hardy band of pioneers, who held for many years the outposts of civilization in New York State.

Cornelis Cornelisen Viele is mentioned among the heads of Schenectady families who received relief from Albany after the massacre of 1690.

Cornelis Viele married Suster ————— and had the following children:



JANNETJE VIELE;

CORNELIS VIELE;

DEBORA VIELE;

ELIZABETH VIELE, married Jacob Corssen prior to 1701;

PIETER VIELE;

BLANDINA VIELE, married, first, Jan Jansen van Woggelum, second,  
Benjamin Corssen, both of Staten Island.

ANNETJE VIELE;

VOLKERT VIELE.

(Viele Records, p. 92.)

## XVIII

### HISTORICAL RECORDS OF INTEREST CONCERNING THE CORSEN FAMILY OF STATEN ISLAND

Capt. Cornelis Corssen and his descendants held many important offices and took an active part in the administration of the civil and military affairs of the government of Staten Island. On page 66, *Annals of Staten Island*, by Clute, appears the following: "In the same year" (1689) "Leisler commissioned the following civil and military officers in Richmond County." In the list of civil officers appears the name, "Cornelis Corsen, Justice"; in the military officers appears "Cornelis Corsen, Captain."

On page 17, *Historical Miscellany*, by John E. Stillwell, Cornelis Corsen is recorded as Constable, in the year 1681.

Again, in the *Annals of Staten Island*, by Clute, page 149, in a list of all the Richmond County "Supervisors prior to 1766," appears for the year "1709 Jacob Corsen, North," *Annals of Staten Island*, page 71, states: "The following are the names of the Civil and Military Officers of the County of Richmond, for the year 1739."

#### CIVIL

"Judge of the Court of Common Pleas  
John Le Conte, Judge  
Christain Corsen, 2nd Judge  
John Veghte, Justice  
Cornelius Corsen, Justice  
Joshue Mersereau, Justice  
Daniel Corsen, Clerk"

#### MILITARY

"Jacob Corsen, Colonel  
Christain Corsen, Lt. Colonel  
Thomas Billipp, Major  
  
North Divisions  
John Veghte, Captain  
Frederich Berge, Lieutenant  
Jacob Corsen, Jun. Ensign"

*Annals of Staten Island*, page 77, contains this unique record:

"The following is a list of the slave holders in the North Company of Staten Island, as returned by Jacob Corsen Jun. in 1755. The names are spelled as in the original but are readily recognized." Among the list appears the following names of the Corsen family and others related by marriage.



SLAVE HOLDERS	NO. MALE	NO. FEMALE
Jacob Corsen, Sr. ....	3	2
Jacob Corsen, Jun. ....		2
John Vegte ....	2	2
Henry Cruse ....	1	3
Cornelius Cruse ....		1
Simon Simonson ....	1	
Johannis de Groot ....	1	1
Christain Corsen ....	2	
Joshue Merseral ....	1	1
Garret Crussen ....		2
Otto Van Tuyl ....	2	2
Charles Mecleen ....	1	
Cornelius Korsan ....		1
John Roll ....	3	1

The following interesting accounts of incidents that happened during the stirring Revolutionary War leave no doubt as to the part our family played in the founding of our country.

“The first object to engage the attention of General Howe was the conciliation of the American loyalists, and, to this end, he had numerous interviews with Governor Tryon, and other prominent individuals in New York and New Jersey, all of whom led him to believe that large numbers of the people were anxious to flock to his standard the moment it was unfurled. Delancy, of New York, and Skinner, of Perth Amboy, were made Brigadier-Generals, and Billop, of Staten Island, Colonel, of the native loyalists, or tories.

“Proclamations were issued, promising protection to the people, so long as they remained peaceably at home, and manifested no sympathy for the rebels, or their cause. These, however, had little effect; the people knew what British protection meant; proclamations had been issued by other British commanders, in other parts of the country, promising the same thing, and the protection which had been afforded was that which the wolf gives to the lamb.

“Misled by the specious promises which Howe had promulgated, hundreds of the Whig inhabitants of Staten Island remained peaceably at home, to reap the fruits of their credulity in having soldiers quartered upon them—in enduring, submissively, the insults and outrages committed upon themselves and their families,

their houses and barns openly and defiantly plundered, their cattle driven away or wantonly killed, their churches burned, and, not unfrequently, some of their own number barbarously, and without provocation, murdered.

“There were some, however, who had no faith in the protestations of the British commander, and too much manhood to conceal their sentiments; to these the political atmosphere of the Island was decidedly unfriendly, and they had to escape for their lives.

“Among these was Col. Mersereau. He was the son of Joshua Mersereau and Maria Corsen his wife; by the records of the Ref. Church, Port Richmond, he was baptised may 24th, 1730, and died in September, 1804, in the 75th year of his age. He resided in the old stone-house in Northfield, not far from Granitville, now occupied by his son, the venerable and Hon. Peter Mersereau. Soon after the beginning of the war, he became apprehensive for his personal safety, and fled to New Jersey. During his protracted residence there, he made occasional stealthy visits to his family by night, and on one of these occasions had a very narrow escape from capture. Having crossed the Sound, and concealed his boat, he took his course for home across fields, avoiding the public roads as much as possible. It was while crossing a road from one field to another, that he was met by a young man whom he knew well but as neither spoke, he imagined the young man did not know him; in this, however, he was mistaken, for he was recognized at once. There was no British post just then nearer than Richmond, and thither the young Tory hastened and informed the commanding officer, probably Col. Simcoe, of his discovery. Preparations were made immediately to effect the arrest of the Colonel, but it was near daylight before the party set out. They were in no haste, for they supposed he intended to remain concealed at home during the day. The family, as was their custom, had risen early, but they did not discover the soldiers until they were within a few rods of the house. The alarm was immediately given, which, being perceived by the approaching party, a rush was made, and as they reached the door, the Colonel sprang out of the upper northwest window of the house, upon a shed beneath it and then to the ground. A few rods west of the house is a small elevation, and it was while crossing this that he was discovered. On the other side of the hill was a hedge row, terminating at a swamp, along which he ran on all fours, to keep himself out of sight, until he reached the swamp, in the middle of which he found a place of concealment. When he was discovered crossing the



hill, those who had begun a search within were called out, and pursuit was made, but when the top of the hill was reached, the colonel was nowhere to be seen. The swamp was discovered, and it was at once concluded that he was there concealed, but as the pursuers were ignorant of its intricacies, they could proceed no further. Dogs were then put upon the track, which they followed to the edge of the swamp, where they chanced to scent a rabbit, and away they went in chase of the new game. Here the pursuit terminated, and the colonel, after remaining concealed the whole day, escaped during the following night to New Jersey. For a week thereafter a close watch was kept upon the house by day and by night. It is some consolation to know that the treacherous young Tory did not receive the reward which had been offered for the patriot's capture." (Annals of Staten Island, pp. 85, 86, 87.)

"Sir William Howe, though a strict disciplinarian, holding every man sternly to the line of his duty, nevertheless appears to have been of an amiable disposition, not disposed to molest anyone for the expression of an opinion hostile to the government represented by him, except under extraordinary circumstances. Though a century has passed since he dwelt upon the Island, tradition has transmitted to us a few anecdotes of his intercourse with the people. On some public occasion a number of the citizens had congregated at Richmond, and in the course of their conversation, one of them, whose name we probably shall be able to discover before we conclude the narrative, in speaking of military commissions, alluding to that of David Alston, signed a few days before, remarked, 'I would rather have one commission with the name of the American George attached to it, than a dozen with that of the English George.' Some of his friends and neighbors reproved him for uttering a sentiment which might be construed as treasonable, and intimated that he might yet be called upon to answer for it. The remark, it would appear by the sequel, had been reported at headquarters, but no official notice was ever taken of it. Some time, probably several months after, during one of Sir William's official visits to the Island—for after the capture of the city of New York, his headquarters for a time were there—he and his staff were riding along one of the dusty Island roads, and being very thirsty, they entered a large gate which stood invitingly open, and stopped at the door of a comfortable farm-house without dismounting. The farmer came out and inquired what he could do to serve Sir William Howe and his friends. 'We are exceedingly thirsty,' said the commander-in-chief, 'and have called to

obtain a drink of milk if you have any to spare.' 'Yes,' replied the farmer, 'I will bring you some, if you will not dismount.' This they declined to do, so the milk was brought to them by the farmer in a huge earthen pitcher, while his wife accompanied him, carrying a number of glasses. After they had all partaken of as much as they desired, and the proffered payment being positively declined, Sir William remarked, 'You are very kind, sir; may I know to whom I am obliged for this favor?' The farmer gave him his name. 'Indeed,' exclaimed he, 'I have heard of you before'—the farmer looked up inquiringly—'you are the man who prefers one of George Washington's commissions to a dozen of King George's'—the farmer's countenance fell—'though I differ with you widely,' he continued, 'you need be under no apprehension; we are both entitled to our respective opinions, and the right to express them, so long as we do no harm thereby.' Bidding the alarmed farmer and his wife adieu, the party rode on. Sir William, having observed that the farmer would shortly have an increase in his family, called him aside and whispered something in his ear which created a smile upon the countenances of both, and a reply from the farmer, 'If so, it shall be as you wish.'

"Now it so happened that in the course of a few days after the brief visit of Sir William and his staff, the farmer's family was increased by the birth of a son. Though he and his family were attached to the Reformed Dutch Church, and all his other children had been baptised in that church, for the baptism of this son, he was taken to St. Andrew's, where the ceremony was performed. Sir William Howe was present, and the name given to the child was William Howe.

"In the baptismal record of that church there is but a single instance of a child having been baptised by that name, and that reads as follows:

" 'William Howe, son of Daniel and Elizabeth Corsen, was born ye 24th of November, 1776, & was Baptised by mr. Charlton 25th day of February, 1777.'

"Thus, we think, we have discovered the name of the man who preferred George Washington's commission to that of King George, and this discovery is corroborated by the fact that the Corsen family, so far as we have been able to learn, were all consistent Whigs." (Annals of Staten Island, by Clute, pp. 186, 187 & 188.)



## XIX

### BENJAMIN CORSSSEN AND HIS FAMILY IN BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

It was, no doubt, in the spring of 1726 that Benjamin Corssen, his wife Blandina Viele, his children, Cornelis, Maria and Benjamin, Jr., and stepchild, Blandina Janse van Woggelum, left the Dutch settlement on the north shores of Staten Island, and made their way to Bucks County, Pennsylvania. They probably made the sixty to seventy mile trip through the wilderness on horseback, driving their stock and dragging with them some of the most precious of their household possessions. Their new home was a 250-acre farm in Northampton Township, purchased from Jeremiah Dungan and his wife Mary. The record of this transaction is found in the office of the Recorder of Deeds, for Bucks County, Deed Book No. 5, page 231; the instrument recording the conveyance by Jeremiah Dungan and his wife, to Benjamin Corssen of Staten Island, County of Richmond, of 250 acres of land in Northampton Township, described by metes and bounds, the consideration being three hundred and fifty pounds. The deed is dated March 19, 1726.

Benjamin Corssen and his family, probably, were soon at home in their new community, as there were other Dutch families in the neighborhood, who, previously, had migrated from Staten Island, and who, without doubt, were the magnet that drew Benjamin to Bucks County. Among these families were the Symonsen or Simonson and the Croesens, with whom the Corssens had intermarried on Staten Island, also the van Horns, van Endens, Neevius or Neefies, Laffertse and others. They seem to have very early established their church, known as the Reformed Dutch Church of North and Southampton, at Churchville, Pa., and in the records of this Church we find the first record of Benjamin Corssen's family, on Sept. 10, 1729, on which date "Blandina van Woglan," the stepchild, was married to Simon Simonson. (This Church is erroneously called the First Presbyterian Church of Churchville in the Pennsylvania Archives.)

In June, 1931, the compiler, with his mother, and cousins, Mabel and Alan Corson of Philadelphia, visited the old cemetery at Churchville, Pa., where the first Church was located and also the

cemetery at Richboro, formerly called Addisville. These cemeteries, where many of the early members of the family were buried, the caretaker at Richboro advised, were the Church-yard burying grounds of the Reformed Dutch Church, and that when the burying ground around the earlier Church at Churchville became well filled with graves the Church was moved to where Richboro is now located. We copied many of the inscriptions on the old tombstones marking the graves of our ancestors.

We also visited the old Corson homestead, the first of the family in Pennsylvania, where we found the old two-story stone house still standing and in use. In the north gable end of the stone wall of the building was an inscription bearing the initials "J. D.," and seemingly a date, which because of being whitewashed many times, we were unable to read from the ground below. Although the square two-story stone part of the building was in fair condition, a one-story frame addition, that no doubt had been added many years after the main building, was about ready to collapse. This part, we were advised by the present occupant, was to be removed and rebuilt. The inscription in the gable end was directly over this old frame structure, but we were unable to get onto the roof in order to better read it.

We also found the old springhouse still used and in much the same fashion, doubtless, that Benjamin and his family had used it over 200 years before. The other outbuildings had long ago disappeared and had been replaced by other structures. Dr. Hiram Corson in his family history, *THE CORSON FAMILY*, in telling of the old homestead, relates the following about the original barn: "My brother, Alan Corson, visited the place several times between 1800 and 1823, the year in which Esquire John died, and remembered well the old barn, called the 'Low Dutch Barn' with its straw thatched roof, quite high at the peak, but not over ten feet at the eaves."

As will be seen later, this first home seems to have been occupied by Benjamin Corssen, Sr., until his death, 1740, and after that by his eldest son, Cornelis, the great great great grandfather of the compiler, until his death in 1774, when it was probably sold as directed in his will.

We do not have the exact date of decease of the first Benjamin. He left no will, but letters of administration for his estate were granted to his son, Cornelis, Sept. 18, 1740, after Blandina, his wife, had renounced her rights of administration in favor of her son, Cornelius Corsen. A certified copy of the bond furnished by





FIRST CORSON HOME IN BUCKS COUNTY, PA., PURCHASED BY BENJAMIN  
CORSON FROM JEREMIAH DUNGAN IN 1726

This view was taken from the rear yard. Since the compiler visited the premises in 1931, the stone walls had been stuccoed and the one story addition to the right had been rebuilt. Dr. Hiram Corson described its location as on the "Middle Road."

On the right is the old Springhouse, presumably as it existed in 1726. Its roof may have been renewed, but its stone constructed walls seem to be good for another century or so. It is located in rear of the above dwelling.







Cornelis Corssen and his father-in-law, Christian van Horn, in the administration of Benjamin's estate and of the Renunciation of Benjamin's wife, is given herewith as they furnish additional proof that Cornelis Corssen was the son of Benjamin and Blandina (Viele) Corssen.

### THE BOND

"KNOW ALL MEN by these presents that We, Cornelius Corson of New-town in the County of Bucks in ye province of Pennsylvania Yeoman and Christian Vanhorn of Northampton township in ye County and province aforesaid Yeoman are held and firmly bound unto Peter Evans Register General for ye Probate of Wills in and for ye Province of Pennsylvania in ye sum of three Hundred pounds Lawfull Money of ye Said province to be paid to ye Said Register General his Assigns or Successors. To ye which payment well & truly made and done we find our Selves our Heirs Executors and Administrators Joyntly & Separately in & for ye whole firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals Dated ye Eighteenth Day of November in ye year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred & forty.

The Conditions of this Obligation is Such, that ye above bounden Cornelius Corson Administration of all & singular ye Goods Chattels Rights and Credits of Benjamin Corson Deceased do make or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all & Singular ye Goods & Chattels Rights & Credits of ye said Deceased which have or shall come to ye Hands possession or Knowledge of the Said Cornelius Corson, or into ye Hands possession or Knowledge of any other person or persons for him, & ye Same So made or cause to be Exhibited into ye Registers Office for ye County of Bucks at or before ye Tenth Day of February next And ye Same Goods & Chattels which were of ye Said Deceased at ye time of his Death or which at any time after Shall come to ye Hands or possession of ye Said Cornelius Corson or into ye Hands or possession of any other person or persons for him do well & truly Administer according to Law; and further do make or cause to be made, a true and just Account of ye said Administration, at or before ye Eighteenth Day of November which will be ye Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and forty one. And all ye rest & residue of ye Said Goods & Chattels, Rights & Credits which shall be found remaining upon ye Said Administors Account ye Same being first examined & Allowed of ye Orphans Court for ye Said County of Bucks Shall Deliver and pay Such person & persons respectfully as ye Said Court by its Degree or Sentence Shall Limit & appoint. And if it Shall hereafter appear that any last Will or Testament was made by ye Said Deceased and ye Executor or Executors therein named do Exhibit ye same into ye said Office making request to have it allowed & approved of accordingly if ye said Cornelius Corson being Thereunto requested do render & deliver ye Said Letters of Administration Approbation of such Testament being first had & Made in ye said Office Then this Obligation to be Void also to be & remain in full force & virtue.

Sealed and Delivered in ye presence of

MARY ATKINSON

JNO. AROHOCK

CORNELIUS CORSSSEN (SEAL)

CHRISTIAN VANHORN (SEAL)

RENUNCIATION OF BLANDINA CORSEN IN THE ESTATE OF  
BENJAMIN CORSEN

November ye 10th 1740

I Renounce & resine all my Rights of Administration of ye Goods & Chattels Rights & Credits of *Benjamin Coursen my Deceased Husband unto my Son Cornelius Coursen.*

Witness my Hand & Seal

Witness

DAVID MURRAY

JNO. AROHECK

her

BLANDIN X COURSONE (SEAL)  
mark

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

ss.

County of Bucks

REGISTER'S OFFICE, Doylestown, Pa.

I, JOHN W. NACE, REGISTER OF WILLS, in and for the County and State aforesaid do HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing to be a full and complete copy of the administrators Bond and Renunciation filed in the estate of Benjamin Corson, deceased, as the same remains on file and of record in this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, at Doylestown, this First day of May, A.D. 1929.

JOHN W. NACE

Register of Wills.

(SEAL)

The real estate owned by Benjamin Corssen, Sr., after his decease was conveyed by Maria and Benjamin, Jr., to their brother, Cornelius, and these deeds again prove that Maria or Mary Corsen and Benjamin, Jr., were the children of Benjamin, Sr., and Blandina (Viele) Corssen. The year following the death of the father, Benjamin (1741), the younger son, Benjamin, Jr., conveyed his one-third interest in the homestead to his elder brother, Cornelius. The same year the daughter, Mary, and her husband, John L. Harrison, conveyed Mary's one-third share to the elder Cornelius. These quit claim deeds, which describe the property as contained in the original 250 acres, were not recorded immediately. On Feb. 3, 1755, Mary, now Mary Bennett, reacknowledged her deed. Four years later (1759) the two deeds were recorded, Benjamin to Cornelius, dated June 30, 1741, recorded, Dec. 18, 1759, in Deed Book 25, p. 196, and the deed from Mary to Cornelius, dated May 6, 1741, reacknowledged Feb. 3, 1755, and recorded, Dec. 18, 1759, in Deed Book 25, p. 197. From these facts we may



also gather that Blandina, the mother, died about the date the deeds were recorded, thus releasing her dower rights. She probably lived on the homestead with her son, Cornelius, who continued to occupy the first homestead in Pennsylvania until his death in 1774.

## MARIA CORSEN AND HER DESCENDANTS

52 MARIA OR MARY CORSEN, baptised Aug. 13, 1716, was the only daughter of Benjamin Corssen and Blandina Viele. Although her name in the baptismal record in the Reformed Dutch Church of Staten Island was given as Maria, in her later life she used the more English form of Mary. She married first, John L. Harrison, on July 26, 1740. (See Records of the Ref. Dutch Church [erroneously called Presbyterian], Penn. Archives, 2nd Series, Vol. IX, p. 15.) No record of issue by the first marriage was found. Her second husband was Abraham Bennett, whom she married in 1751. Two children of this marriage were baptised in the Reformed Dutch Church of North and Southampton, as follows:

521 BENJAMIN BENNETT, bapt. Dec. 3, 1751;

522 SAARTJE BENNETT, bapt. May 25, 1755.

No further record of Mary or Maria Corsen's descendants was found.

## CORNELIS CORSEN AND HIS DESCENDANTS

51 CORNELIS CORSEN, baptised May 4, 1714, in the Reformed Dutch Church of Staten Island, was the eldest son of Benjamin Corssen and Blandina Viele. He, later in life, sometimes spelled his name as Cornelius Corsen. He was twelve years old when he came to Bucks County, Pennsylvania, with his parents in 1726. Cornelius Corsen married three times. He married first Annetje or Ann van Horn, the daughter of Christian and Willemyntje (van Dyke) van Horn. The marriage ceremony was performed Aug. 6, 1735, by the Rev. Richard Treat, of the Abington (Pa.) Presbyterian Church. (Pa. Archives, 2nd Ser., Vol. IX, p. 190.)



The exact date of death of his first wife, Annetje van Horn, was not found, but letters of Administration for the settlement of her estate were granted to her husband, Cornelius Corsen, Feb. 28, 1756. She had probably died some little time before this date as Cornelius had remarried before this time. From the records of the Reformed Dutch Church of North and Southampton, we find that he had married Maragritta van Enden, the widow of Ryke van Enden, Feb. 16, 1755. (Pa. Archives, 2nd Ser. Vol. IX, p. 517.) The maiden name of the second wife, Maragritta, also called Margaret, was variously spelled as Nevius, Neevius, Neefies, Nevins and Neffers. Maragritta was a descendant of Joannes Nevius, who arrived in New Amsterdam in the year 1650-51.

The date of decease of the second wife, Maragritta, was not found, but she was living on Aug. 15, 1759, at which time she joined in a deed with her husband, Cornelius. Her youngest son, John, was born Sept. 16, 1759. Maragritta evidently died between the last named date and Apr. 17, 1762, previous to which time Cornelius was married to Charity ———, as the latter joined with her husband in a mortgage dated, Apr. 17, 1762, and again on Nov. 7, 1762. The mortgage, dated Apr. 17, 1762, was to Joseph Fox (Deed Book 13, p. 62) and the other one, dated Nov. 7, 1762, to the Pennsylvania Hospital, is found on page 245, Deed Book 12, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

While not much is known about Cornelius, he seems to have been a man of much property. He is mentioned in many deeds and in his will as yeoman. That he was an exacting business man and one who was firm in the management of his affairs, can be gleaned from the following sentences of his will: "I strictly charge that William Maynard her unworthy husband never Shall Receive to the value of one penny of this Legacy"; and again: "I also order that if any of my Heirs Shall Quarrel about their shares not being Sufficient that they shall forfeit their part thereof, and their part equally divided amongst the remaining Heirs."

That he was determined his children should have an education which was probably considered sufficient in that day, cannot be denied from the following part of his will: "also to my Son John I give and bequeath the Sum of One Hundred pounds, together with Schooling and his Expences both in meat washing Clothes and lodging for the term of one year, them to have him bound to learn whatsoever Trade or Calling he Chuses."

Cornelius Corsen and his first wife Ann (Van Horn) Corsen had the following children, all of whom were baptised in the



Reformed Dutch Church of Churchville; the original baptismal records were recorded in the Dutch language.

- 511 CHRISTIAN, bapt. Apr. 21, 1736;
- 512 BLANDINA, bapt. Mar. 26, 1737;
- 513 WILLEMYNTIE, bapt. Feb. 24, 1740;
- 514 MARYTJE, bapt. May 23, 1742;
- 515 JAMITE, bapt. July 17, 1744.
- 516 ANTJE, bapt. Dec. 26, 1746.
- 517 BENJAMIN, bapt. Apr. 13, 1749;
- 518 CORNELIUS, bapt. June 16, 1751.

Cornelius Corsen and his second wife, Maragritta (Neefies) Corsen, had three children. Their first child, the great great grandfather of the writer, and his sister were baptised in the Reformed Dutch Church of Churchville, Northampton Tp., Buck's Co., Pa.

Although the baptismal record of the youngest son was not found, the date of birth was furnished by Miss Mabel Corson, of Philadelphia, Pa., from an old family Bible, now in her possession. Their children were:

- 519 DANIEL, bapt. Feb. 22, 1756;
- 51:10: SARAH, bapt. Jan. 22, 1758;
- 51:11: JOHN, born Sept. 16, 1759.

Cornelius Corsen and his third wife, Charity ———, as far as is known, left no children. Cornelius Corsen died between Sept. 10, 1774, and Oct. 13, 1774, as he made his will on the former date and it was recorded on the latter. This will, which is recorded in Will Book 3, p. 372, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, positively identifies his sons, Christian, Cornelius, Benjamin, Daniel and John, and daughters, Jamitje, Maritje (Mary), Antje (Ann), and his wife Charity. Blandina, Willemyntje and Sarah are not mentioned in the will and it may be assumed that they had died before the date of the will. A certified copy of this will is submitted as additional proof of the issue of Cornelius Corsen.

#### THE WILL OF CORNELIUS CORSEN, OF BUCKS COUNTY, PA.

In the Name of God Amean. I Cornelius Corsen of Northampton Township and County of Bucks Yeoman, Being weak in Body, but of sound Memory, (blessed be God) do this Tenth Day of September, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Four, make and publish this my last will and Testament in Manner following; (that is to say) first I desire that my Estate both Real and personal be sold to the best advantage possible, except my Silver Tankard for the use of my Wife, than I order that my Funeral expence, and Lawful debts be first Paid, than I give and bequeathe unto my Dear Wife Charity Corsen the sum of one hundred pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania together with the afore



mentioned Silver Tankard as soon as my lawful debts are paid, or at farthest within One year after my Deceas, Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Christian the sum of one Hundred Pounds.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Cornelius Corsen the Sum of One Hundred pounds.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Daniel the sum of One Hundred pounds, also to my Son John I give and bequeath the Sum of One Hundred pounds, together with Schooling and his Expences both in meat washing Clothes and lodging for the term of one year, then to have him bound to learn whatever Trade or Calling he Chuses. Also I give and bequeath unto my son Benjamin the Sum of Twenty Shillings. Also I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Jamima the sum of Fifty pounds, also I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary the sum of Fifty pounds. Also I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Ann the sum of Fifty pounds, to be paid into her own hands as she shall think fit to call for it, I strictly Charge that William Maynard her unworthy husband never Shall Receive to the value of one penny of this Legacy, but in case there Shall be any part or all of it unpaid at her death I give and bequeath it to her Son Cornelius Maynard and her Daughters Ann and Elizabeth to be equally divided between them and in case of Death to go to the longest liver of them and if my Estate should amount to more money than is bequeathed in this my last Will, I allow that money to be equally divided amongst my Children without Exception, I desire that the legaseys be paid to my Children in manner following, that is my son Christian, and my son Cornelius and daughter Jemimies to be paid within one year after my decease, and the rest of My Children as soon as posable not to exceed the Term of two years except my son Johns which I allow to be put to Interest within one year after my decease and so continue untill he is of the age of Twenty-one years then the amount of the one hundred pounds to be paid unto my said son John but if my son John Should die before he comes to age, I give and bequeath his part to be equally divided among my Surviving Children or the heirs of their Body, except he Should Contract Matromeny, then I give and bequeath his share to the heirs of his Body, but in default of such Heirs to be Divided as before amongst my Children, except my son Benjamin. I also make and Ordain my Son Christian and John Krosen Senior, Executore of this my Will, In trust for the Intent and purposes in this my will contained and to see the same performed according to my true intent and meaning, I also order that if any of my Heirs Shall Quarrel about their shares not being Sufficient that they shall forfeit their part thereof, and their part equally Divided amongst the remaining Heirs.

In Witness Whereof, I The said Cornelius Corsen have to this my last Will and Testament Set my hand and Seal, the day and year above Written.

Note before Signing the word Clothe  
is interlined in the Seventeenth line.

Signed Sealed and delivered by the  
said Cornelius Corsen as and for his  
last Will, in presence of us, who were  
present at the Signing and Sealing  
thereof

ISAAC BENNETT  
JOHN RANKIN

CORNELIUS CORSEN (SEAL)



## COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

ss.

County of Bucks

REGISTER'S OFFICE, Doylestown, Pa.

I, JOHN W. NACE, REGISTER OF WILLS, in and for the County and State aforesaid do HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing to be a full and complete copy of the last will and testament of Cornelius Corsen, late of the Township of Northampton, deceased, which was duly proved and approved on the 13th day of October, A.D. 1774, and upon which Letters Testamentary thereon were legally granted unto Christian Corsen and John Krewson, the Executors therein named, as the same remains on file and of record in this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, at Doylestown, this First day of May, A.D. 1929.

JOHN W. NACE,

Register of Wills.

With the exception of a line descended from Derrick Corsen, a son of Christian, and of the descendants of Daniel, the great great grandfather of the compiler, and of John, the great great grandfather of Miss Mabel Corson of Philadelphia, little has been learned of the descendants of the other children of Cornelius Corsen. Before we continue with the story of the children of Cornelius Corsen, a history of the family of Maragritta or Maragrietje Neefies will be given.

## XX

### THE FAMILY OF MARAGRIETJE NEEFIES (NEVIUS)

The great grandfather of Maragrietje Neefies was "Joannes Nevius, who is said to have come from Solen or Zoelen, a village of the district known as The Betuwe, which skirts the south bank of the Rhine below Arnhem, and who was himself, . . . one of the city magistrates or schepens, of New Amsterdam, and was a merchant or trader who seems to have been associated in business with his wife's stepfather, Cornelis de Potter, a merchant of note in the town. Looking a mile or so up the East River from his windows upon the water-side, Johannes Nevius could see the dwelling-house and the pastures and grain-field of his father-in-law's farm just where the Breucklyn Road came down the hill at the present Fulton Street in Brooklyn. Here De Potter had purchased, as early as 1652, from Cornelis Dircksen, the old ferryman, and from one or two other owners, the ferry property with sixty or seventy acres of land lying north of Fulton Street." (Innes' N. A. and Its People, pp. 48-9.)

JOANNES NEVIUS was born at Zoelen, Holland, where he was baptised March 14, 1627, as the son of Rev. Joannes Neefius and Maria Becx. He seems to have been a student at Leyden in 1646, and came to New Amsterdam in 1650-1. On November 18, 1653, he was united in marriage to Ariaentje Bleyck, a stepdaughter of Cornelis de Potter and the daughter of Swantje Janse. From the marriage records, Ariaentje Bleyck was a native of, or at least a resident of Batavia, in the Island of Java, and it seems probable that her mother had married Cornelis de Potter, on that Isle; de Potter being a widower at the time.

Joannes Nevius became a man of prominence in New Amsterdam, where he held the office of Clerk of the Burgomasters, as early as 1658, which office he filled for some time subsequent to this date. After the surrender of New Amsterdam to the British, in 1664, Joannes Nevius, because of his imperfect knowledge of the English language, found the duties of his office more difficult, and after using the services of an English assistant for some years, appears to have retired from public service. He devoted his re-



maining years to the management of the ferry business, belonging to his deceased father-in-law's estate.

Joannes Nevius had died previous to 1672, in which year his wife petitioned and was allowed an extension of six years of her deceased husband's ferry lease. In this petition the wife set forth that she was a widow "with six helpless children." Joannes Nevius and Ariantje Bleyck baptised the following children—two of whom died while infants—in the Dutch Reformed Church of New Amsterdam and New York:

JOHANNES, bapt. Nov. 8, 1654;  
SARA, bapt. Aug. 27, 1656, died as an infant;  
CORNELIS, bapt. Sept. 2, 1657, died as an infant;  
MARIA, bapt. Dec. 22, 1658;  
CORNELIS, bapt. June 19, 1661;  
PETER, bapt. Feb. 4, 1663;  
SARA KATHERINE, bapt. Feb. 16, 1665;  
JOHANNA, bapt. Mar. 11, 1668.

CORNELIS NEVIUS, born in New York and baptised on June 19, 1661, son of Joannes Nevius and Ariaentje Bleyck, married April 15, 1683, Agatha or Echje Joris, of the ferry. Cornelis is recorded at one period as the ferryman and as a member of the Dutch Reformed Church in Breucklen in 1677. He is supposed to have finally removed to Staten Island, where, on December 19, 1689, Lieutenant-Governor Leisler issued a commission to "Cornelis Nevius, ensign in Corsen's Company, Richmond Co." This Captain Corsen, was the eldest son of Cors Pietersen, Cornelis Corssen, who was "Captain of foot, North and East part of Staten Island," to whom a commission was issued on the same date. (N. Y. State Historian's Report, 1896, p. 448; 1897, p. 406; Doc. History of N. Y., Vol. 2, p. 349; Cal. of Hist, Mss., part II, p. 188.)

Cornelis Nevius and Agatha Joris had the following children:

JAN, born about 1684;  
JORIS, born about 1686;  
ARIAENTJE;  
ANTIEN;  
CORNELIS;  
JOHANNES.

JORIS (GEORGE) NEVIUS or NEEFIES, son of Cornelis Nevius and Agatha Joris, born on Staten Island, about 1686, married about 1710, Willemptje Barcaloo of Borkelo, probably the daughter of Jan Harmansen Van Barcaloo. Joris was the progenitor of the various families of Long Island and elsewhere known as "Neefus," "Naphis," "Neefies," "Nafis," and "Napheys."

He is believed to have signed his name only by his mark, as he did his will. He lived in Richmond County, Staten Island, N. Y., as late as January, 1726, and is first known to be in Bucks County, Pa., in Northampton Township, in 1732. He may have gone there direct from Staten Island, or he may have gone first to New Jersey and thence to Bucks County. At any rate it was after he was forty years of age, and after he had been married at least fifteen years, when he permanently located in Northampton Township, Bucks County, near present Churchville.

"The conjecture that he might have spent some portion of the time in New Jersey prior to his emigration to Pennsylvania may account for the absence of baptisms, both on Staten Island and in Bucks County. I Suppose that the fact that his sister Arientje, wife of Garret Kroesen, went to Bucks County, with her husband, at least as early as 1718, was the magnet which finally and permanently drew him from his home. Joris' first eight children were born on Staten Island, being baptised at Port Richmond, 1711-1726. The eleventh and twelfth were baptised in the Dutch Church of North and Southampton, Bucks County, between 1732 and 1734. The officiating clergyman at the baptisms spelled Joris' name on the records "Neefies" and "Nefey." The Joris Neefies tract lies just west of the present village of Richboro. It remained in the Kroesen family many years, and was originally patented to one Arthur Cooke, whose widow and son conveyed it to Clement and Thomas Dungan." (Joannes Nevius and His Descendants, by A. Van Doren Honeyman, p. 455.)

"George Nief" (Joris Neefies) was a private in Capt. August Graham's North Company, under Command of Col. Aug. Graham, in 1715; other members of his family were in the same company. Joris Neefies died between April 12, 1744, on which date he made his will, and July 16, 1745, the date an inventory was made. As this inventory was not filed, nor the will probated until 1755, it is presumed that the widow Willemptje Barcaloo, died at this time and that it became necessary to probate the will to settle the estate. On April 12, 1746, a mortgage from "Cornelis Neefies" of Somerset County, New Jersey, "carpenter" and "John Neefies of Northampton, weaver," to Nicolas Winecope of Northampton, blacksmith, recites that Cornelis and John are executors of "George Neefies, deceased." It conveyed 194 acres, 67 perches of land in Northampton Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania; consideration, 115 pounds. Adjoining lands belonged to Ram Vanderbilt, Cornelis Corson, Benjamin Joans, John Carts, James Adams,



David Dunning and Jeremiah Dunning. Signed by "Cornelius Neefies" and "John Neefies." Recorded May 28, 1746. Mortgage satisfied May 14, 1755.

In 1748 Willemptje had a pew in the Reformed Dutch Church of North and Southampton. On June 10, 1761, Cornelis and Peter "Nefies" petitioned the Bucks County Orphans' Court as follows:

"Humbly Sheweth that one of your Petitioner's sisters Married with one Richard Vanando (Van Ende), by whom she had two Children, George and Jane; and soon after the said Richard Dies Leaving a Considerable Estate, upon which his widow administers and possesses the same; and soon after Marries with Cornelius Corson; by which means he (the said Cornelius Corson) got the Children and their Fortune into his hands; Since which their Mother also is Dead.—and your Petitioners Conceive the Children ought to be Bound out and their Fortunes Improved to their advantage. They do most Humbly pray your Honours will be pleased to appoint a guardian or Guardians for the purpose and your Petitions shall ever pray."

All which was granted by the Court and "Henry Kroesen and John Van Orsdalen" were appointed guardians.

In September, 1755, the following interesting account was filed by John and Cornelius Neefies, executors for the father Joris Neefies, deceased:

"Sd Estate Cr. By amount of the Inventory	97-12-6
By the sale of the plantation by the direction of the	
Last Will of George Neefies	530- 0-0
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	627-12-6
Sd Estate Dr. To George Nefees funeral charges	7-10-0
To Effey Nefees funeral charges A Daughter	6- 0-0
To Sarah Nefees funeral Charges another Daughter	6- 0-0
To maintaining & Schooling of minor Children	56- 6-3
To Cost at Mr. Growdon's Register	7- 3-9
To Debts paid as by Receipts appear	135-12-6
To Cornelius Nefees per their own Division	69- 3-4
To John Nefees per Do	69- 3-4
To Margaret Corson a Daughter Per do	69- 3-4
To Peter Nefees a son Per Do	69- 3-4
To Mary Gray a Daughter Per Do	69- 3-4
To Ann Craven another Daughter Per Do	69- 3-4
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	627-12-6

Joris Neefies and Willemptje Barcaloo had twelve children. Eight were baptised in the Dutch Reformed Church of Staten

Island, two in the same church in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and two probably were born in New Jersey. Their record follows:

DATE	OULDERS	KINDER	GETUIGEN
1711 Apr. 17	Joris Nevius	Cornelis	Cornelis Nevius and wife Eechie
1715 or 1713	Joris Nevius	Margrietje	Jan Mangelsen, Tryntje Nevius
1715	Joris Nevius	Jan	Garret Croesen, Marytje Nevius
1717 June 19	Jorius Neftjes	Eechtie	Johannes Neftjes en wife Antje
1719 Sept. 13	Joris Nevius		
	Willemptje Borkelo	Johannes	Jan Mangels Ral, Sara Neefies
1721 Oct. 15	Joris Neefjes	Margarietje	John Metzelaar Jannetje Borkelo
1724 Jan. 12	Joris Neefjes	Peter	
1725-6 Jan. 1	Joris Neefjes	Aaghtje	Jacobus Craven, Antje Iniaart
	Willempje Borkelo		

(N. Y. Gen. & Biog. Society, Vol. 4, pp. 14, 16, 19, 22, 26, 32. Staten Island Bapt. Records.

MARYTJE, born about 1728; died after 1755 } Possibly born in  
 ANTJE, born about 1730; died after 1755 } New Jersey;  
 SARA, bapt. 1732, in Dutch Reformed Church of North and Southampton,  
 Bucks Co., Pa. (died in infancy);  
 SARA, bapt. 1734, in Dutch Reformed Church of North and Southampton,  
 Bucks, Co., Pa.;

Margarietje Neefies, baptised Oct. 15, 1721, the second daughter of the name, of Joris Neefies and Willemptje Barkaloo, married first on Mar. 31, 1744, Ryck Van Ende, the son of Paulus Van Ende of Long Island. Margarietje Neefies and Ryck Van Ende baptised the following children in the Dutch Reformed Church of North and Southampton, Bucks County, Pennsylvania:

JAMITJE, bapt. Dec. 29, 1745, died in infancy;  
 JORIS, bapt. Apr. 13, 1749;  
 JAMETIA, bapt. June 16, 1751;

Margarietje Neefies, married second, Cornelius Corsen, after the death of his first wife, Ann Van Horn.



## XXI

### CHILDREN OF CORNELIS CORSEN AND ANNETJE VAN HORN

#### CHRISTIAN CORSEN AND HIS DESCENDANTS

511 CHRISTIAN CORSEN, the eldest son of Cornelius Cor- sen and his first wife, Annetje Van Horn, was baptised Apr. 21, 1736. He married, June 8, 1762, Elizabeth Cruser or Kroesen. (Pa. Archives, 2nd Ser., Vol. 2, p. 67.) Here again as on Staten Island, we find the Corson and Croesen families joined by marriage. Elizabeth probably was a granddaughter of Garret Kroesen and Ariaentje Nevius, who had moved to Bucks County, Pennsylvania, from Staten Island as early as 1718. Christain Corsen served as a private in the Revolutionary War, enlisting with the Northampton Associators, in the Fourth Associated Company of Northampton Township, Bucks County, under Capt. Henry Lott. (See pages 144-5.)

He is listed as the owner of 135 acres of land in the Bucks County Transcript of the years, 1779, 1781, 1782, and 1784. (Pa. Archives, 3rd Ser., Vol 13, pp. 37, 144, 240, 477 and 478.) He seems to have removed to the West Branch of the Susquehanna River in the following year, as the Christian Corson, found in the State Tax Lists of Northumberland County, Muncy Township in the years, 1785, 1786, and 1787 (Pa. Archives, 3rd Ser., Vol. 19, pp. 623, 705, and 781), was without doubt the son of Cornelius and Ann Van Horn Corsen. In this movement to the West Branch, he was not alone, as we find his cousin, 533 Jametie Corsen (daughter of Benjamin, II, and Maritje Suydam) and her husband, John Kroesen (possibly a brother of Christian's wife), his half-brother, 519 Daniel Corsen, and possibly his brother, 517 Benjamin Corsen, also moved to this district. Christian Corsen took up government land, as his name appears in the Warrantees of Land Records of Northumberland County, with 400 acres under date of survey of May 19, 1794. (Pa. Archives, 3rd Ser., Vol. 25, p. 113.)

Christian Corson was recorded in the 1790 Census of Northumberland County, as a head of a family, consisting of one male over sixteen besides himself, one male under sixteen and two females. Christian Corsen and Elizabeth Kroesen had the following children

baptised in the Reformed Dutch Church of Churchville, Bucks County, Pennsylvania :

- 5111 ANTJE CORSEN, bapt. Oct. 30, 1763;
- 5112 DERRICK CORSEN, bapt. Jan. 26, 1766;
- 5113 MARIA CORSEN, bapt. Mar. 12, 1769;
- 5114 WILLEMTJE CORSEN, bapt. Aug. 2, 1773.

While nothing further was learned of the daughters of Christian and Elizabeth Corsen, families descended from their son, Derrick Corson, were found to be living in the State of Michigan and farther west.

5112 DERRICK CORSEN, born 1765-6, the son of Christian Corsen and Elizabeth Kroesen, it is thought may have married a granddaughter of Leffert Lefferts, who bought a farm in Bucks County in 1739 and died there in 1773. Leffert Lefferts' father was Pieter Lefferts, who married Ida, the daughter of Hendrick Suydam of Flatbush, Long Island, and his grandfather was Leffert Pieterse, who with his parents, Pieter Janse and Emmetje Hermanse, had come to New Netherland from Hanwert in North Holland in 1660. Derrick Corsen seems to have moved with his father to the West Branch of the Susquehanna River about 1785 and probably is the male over sixteen listed under the family of Christian Corson in the 1790 census of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. He is recorded as taking up 800 acres of land, as his name appears in the Warrantees of Land Records of Northumberland County, with 400 acres under date of survey of Feb. 14, 1794, and again with 400 acres under date of survey of May 19, 1794. (Pa. Archives, 3rd Ser., Vol. 25, pp. 110 and 113.) He is recorded as "Ensign Derrick Corson" in "return of the Officers of Militia of the County of Northumberland, Friday, June 1, 1792, First Battalion, 2nd Company." (Pa. Archives, 6th Ser., Vol. 4, p. 83.) Again he was recorded as "Ensign Derrick Coursin" in a "Return of the Officers of the Militia of the County of Lycoming, made by Brigade Inspector, Monday, June 5, 1797, 1st Reg. 4th Company." (Pa. Archives, 6th Ser., Vol. 4, p. 575.) Lycoming was set off from Northumberland County between 1790 and 1800. Derrick Corson, according to a Biography of his grandson, Lafferd Corson, found in the BIOGRAPHICAL ALBUM OF BRANCH COUNTY (Mich.), "was of Holland-Dutch descent, and for a number of years carried on farming in the State of Pennsylvania," then moved with his family to Hopewell Township, Ontario County, State of New York. Derrick's wife died in New York State,



when past middle age. Some time after the death of his wife he moved to Michigan and spent his last days with his children, who, it seems, had emigrated to Livingston County. He died in Green Oak Township, in the aforesaid county about 1842. Although only the name of one son of Derrick was learned, he no doubt had other children. This son was :

51121 JOHN CORSON.

51121 JOHN CORSON, born about 1795, as a young man, had moved from Pennsylvania, with his parents, to the wilderness of Hopewell Township, Ontario County, New York. He married Nancy Bradt. She was born in Oneida County, New York, of parents of Dutch ancestry, and at the time of her marriage was unable to speak any English. Her father had died when she was quite young and her mother some years afterward. They lived on a farm in Ontario County, New York, for some years, but in 1836, made their way toward the west, settling in Matteson Township, Branch County, Michigan. Here, they took up 200 acres of government land in Section 24, and by industrious labor were, in a few years, in possession of a comfortable home. In this home, John and his wife passed their remaining years, John passing beyond in the fall of 1855, and his wife dying in Sept. 1884. (See the biography of his son, Lafferd Corson hereinafter reproduced.)

John Corson and Nancy Bradt had the following children :

- 511211 DERRICK CORSON ;
- 511212 AARON CORSON ;
- 511213 SAMUEL CORSON ;
- 511214 LAFFERD CORSON ;
- 511215 NANCY CORSON ;
- 511216 HARRIET CORSON, died young ;
- 511217 LESTER CORSON, died young.

511211 DERRICK CORSON, the eldest son of John and Nancy (Bradt) Corson, was born in 1820. He married Orpha Sturdavent and they lived at Bronson, Mich. They had two sons :

- 5112111 EUGENE NEPELEN CORSON, born Feb. 19, 1845 ;
- 5112112 SAMUEL CORSON, married Maggie ——— and they had a daughter, Flora Corson, who died young. Samuel died about 1892.

5112111 EUGENE NEPELEN CORSON, born Feb. 19, 1845, at Bronson, Mich., married Fanny Marie ———. They had three sons, two of whom died as infants. Their only surviving son was :

51121111 FRANK EUGENE CORSON.

51121111 FRANK EUGENE CORSON, born Sept. 11, 1877, at Bronson, Mich., married Calla D. Watson of Rockford, Mich., on June 9, 1905. She was born on Feb. 18, 1873. They lived in Fargo, N. D., until 1915, in St. Paul from 1915 to 1918, and in Los Angeles and San Bernardino, Calif., after 1918. Mr. Corson is Vice-President of The First National Bank of Loma Linda, Calif. They have no children.

511212 AARON CORSON, the second son of John and Nancy (Bradt) Corson, married twice. He married first, ——— Monroe and they had one son:

5112121 JACK CORSON, who never married and lives at Bronson, Mich.

Aaron married second, Mary Green. Three children were born to the second union:

5112122 ROTH CORSON, who is married and has one son and two daughters;

5112123 RENA CORSON;

5112124 ROA CORSON, who live at Bronson, Mich., and are unmarried.

511213 SAMUEL CORSON, the third son of John and Nancy (Bradt) Corson, married Abbie Luce. They live at . . . . ., Mich. Three children were born to them as follows:

5112131 EMMA CORSON, married ——— Tyler, and had children:

51121311 DANA TYLER;

51121312 WARREN TYLER;

51121313 VIOLA TYLER.

5112132 JAY CORSON, married Dencie Copeland, and had children:

51121321 GRACE CORSON;

51121322 CARL CORSON;

51121323 ETHEL CORSON.

5112133 JESSIE CORSON, married ——— Vorris.

511214 LAFFERD W. CORSON, was the fourth son of John and Nancy (Bradt) Corson. The following Biography of Lafferd was found in the BIOGRAPHICAL ALBUM OF BRANCH COUNTY (Michigan), published by Chapman Brothers of Chicago, Ill., in 1888. Copies were furnished to the compiler by Harold T. Corson of Detroit and by his uncle, Joseph Corson, of Coldwater, Mich. This biography is very interesting and furnished the information by which this family was identified with the Corsons of Bucks County, Pennsylvania. It follows:

#### LAFFERD W. CORSON

"Mr. Corson has been a resident of this county for a period of fifty-two years, coming here when Michigan was a territory in September, 1836. He



was born in Hopewell Township, Ontario County, New York, April 23, 1822, and is the son of John Corson, a native of Pennsylvania. His paternal grandfather, Derick Corson, was of Holland-Dutch descent, and for a number of years carried on farming in the State of Pennsylvania. When quite well advanced in years he came to Michigan and spent his last days among his children, dying in Green Oak Township, Livingston County, at the age of seventy-seven years. His wife was a Pennsylvania lady, who died in New York State when past middle age.

John Corson, the father of our subject, removed with his parents from Pennsylvania to New York when a young man, they settled in the wilderness of Hopewell Township, Ontario County. There not long afterward he married Miss Nancy Bradt, who was born in Oneida County, New York, and was of ancestry similar to that of her husband. She removed with her parents when a young woman to Ontario County, and at the time of her marriage was unable to speak any English. Her father had died when she was quite young, and her mother some years later.

The parents of our subject soon after their wedding settled on a farm in Ontario County, New York, where their family of five sons and two daughters were born. Of these L. W. our subject was the second son and child. In making their way to the West, they were conveyed by a lake vessel from Buffalo to Toledo, and thence by horse-teams across the country over very bad roads to the western part of this county, where the father took up 200 acres of Government land on section 24, in Matteson Township. This township then contained less than a half-dozen families, and the Corsons experienced all of the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life. They labored industriously to cultivate the soil, and in the course of a few years found themselves in possession of a comfortable home. Here the father died in the fall of 1855, having about reached his threescore years. He was an honest, upright man, and an active member of the Presbyterian Church. The mother continued to live upon the old homestead, and passed away in September, 1884. She belonged to the same church as her husband, and was in all respects his worthy and faithful helpmate.

John Corson, politically, was an old time Whig, and a man who took a lively interest in the welfare and progress of his adopted township. He held the various local offices, and was a man universally looked up to and respected.

Lafferd W. was fourteen years old when the family came to Michigan, and contributed his share toward the improvement of a new farm, a part of which he now owns and occupies. To this he brought a bride in the spring of 1847, having been married, March 10 of that year, to Miss Sarah A. Culver, a native of his own county in New York State, but born in Victor Township, March 10, 1826. Her parents, Abiathar and Lydia A. (Baker) Culver, were also natives of the Empire State, and were reared and married in Ontario County. They emigrated to the Territory of Michigan in 1835, and located on a tract of Government land in Matteson Township, being the second family to settle here. The father secured 600 acres, which he lived to see transformed from the wilderness into a series of cultivated fields, and passed away, making for himself a good record, in November, 1871, in the eighty-second year of his age.

Mrs. Corson was the second child of her father's second marriage and was nine years old when the family came to Michigan. She continued under



the home roof until her marriage when twenty-one years old, acquiring a commonschool education, and becoming familiar with all household duties. Her union with our subject resulted in the birth of five children, of whom John and Alice died in early childhood. The survivors, Aden, Allen and Joseph, continued at home with their parents. The latter is a machinist by trade, and a mechanic of no ordinary skill. The family are intelligent and greatly respected in their community. Mrs. Corson is a member in good standing of the Congregational Church, with which she united when eighteen years old. Mr. Corson, politically supports the Republican party although carefully avoiding taking upon himself the responsibilities of office. He has been successful in his farming operations, and holds a good position among the agriculturists of Matteson Township."

The foregoing, published as early as 1888 is, to the knowledge of the compiler, the earliest published biography, of any member of our family. Its clear statement of Dutch ancestry is very interesting, and is just another of the innumerable circumstances that cannot be explained if the claim of Huguenot ancestry is accepted. Lafferd Corson died July 5, 1898, and Sarah (Culver) Corson, his wife, preceded him in death on Aug. 19, 1895. The children of Lafferd and Sarah A. (Culver) Corson are indexed as follows:

- 5112141 JOHN CORSON, died an infant;
- 5112142 ADEN CORSON, born 1850, died 1905, no issue;
- 5112143 ALLEN CORSON, born Jan. 22, 1855;
- 5112144 ALICE CORSON, born 1857, died 1861;
- 5112145 JOSEPH CORSON, born Aug. 10, 1865.

5112143 ALLEN CORSON, the third son of Lafferd and Sarah A. (Culver) Corson, born Jan. 22, 1855, married Eva Tuttle. She was born July 4, 1877. They had two children and two grandchildren as follows:

- 51121431 HAROLD T. CORSON, born Apr. 16, 1895, married Lyle ———, who was born Nov. 7, 1897; they live at Detroit, Mich., and have two children:
- 511214311 CATHERINE JEAN CORSON, born Feb. 12, 1926;
- 511214312 JAMES ALLEN CORSON, born Feb. 15, 1932.
- 51121432 LORA BELLE CORSON, born Jan. 7, 1903, married June 22, 1926, Oscar Wild; they have no children.

5112145 JOSEPH CORSON, the youngest child of Lafferd and Sarah A. (Culver) Corson, was born Aug. 10, 1865, in Branch County, Mich. He married Effie Sands, who was born Aug. 27, 1869, and they live at Coldwater, Mich. Mr. Corson is an expert machinist. Mrs. Corson died Feb. 17, 1931. They had two sons and one grandchild:

- 51121451 CLYDE L. CORSON, married June 26, 1917, Bertha Tyler, and have a son:
- 511214511 WILLIAM TYLER CORSON, born Sept. 9, 1924.



51121452 BERNARD L. CORSON, married May 4, 1922, Gertrude Wilkins; they live in Coldwater, Mich., and have no children.

511215 NANCY CORSON, the fifth child of John Corson and Nancy Bradt, married Tom Luce, the brother of Abbie Luce, who married Nancy's brother, Samuel. They had two daughters:

5112151 EVA LUCE, married ——— Tuttle;

5112152 DORA LUCE, married ——— McNutt, and had daughter:

51121521 DORA McNUTT.

#### OTHER CHILDREN OF CORNELIS AND ANNETJE

512 BLANDINA CORSEN, the second child and eldest daughter of Cornelius Corsen and his first wife, Annetje van Horn, was baptised Mar. 26, 1737. She was not mentioned in her father's will and probably died early in life.

513 WILLEMYNTJE CORSEN, the third child of Cornelius Corsen and his first wife, Annetje van Horn, was baptised Feb. 24, 1740. She was called Minny in the will of her maternal grandmother, for whom she was named. (See will of Willemakee van Horn, Will Book 3, p. 13, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.) This was in 1760, when Willemyntje was twenty years old. As she was not mentioned in the will of her father in 1774, she probably died between the years 1760 and 1774.

514 MARYTJE CORSEN, baptised May 23, 1742, the fourth child of Cornelius and his first wife, Annetje van Horn, is mentioned as Mary in the will of her father. It is not known whether or not she married.

515 JAMITJE CORSEN, baptised July 17, 1744, the fifth child of Cornelius and his first wife, Annetje van Horn, was called Jamima in her father's will. She married James Forrester, Aug. 26, 1767. (Pa. Archives, 2nd Series, Vol. 2, p. 67.) Whether they had children was not learned.

516 ANTJE CORSEN, baptised Dec. 26, 1746, the sixth child of Cornelius and his first wife, Annetje van Horn, married William Maynard, Jan. 22, 1766. From the will of her father, in which William Maynard is called her unworthy husband, we know that Antje or Ann had a son and two daughters as follows:

5161 CORNELIUS MAYNARD;

5162 ANN MAYNARD;

5163 ELIZABETH MAYNARD.

517 BENJAMIN CORSEN, baptised Apr. 13, 1749, the second son and seventh child of Cornelius and Annetje van Horn, seems to have incurred the ill will of his father, who conveyed to Benjamin, by his will, the sum of twenty shillings, while the other sons received the sum of 100 pounds. Not much was found concerning Benjamin in the records of Bucks or Montgomery Counties. That he may have removed to the West Branch of the Susquehanna River to the neighborhood, where his brothers, Christian and Daniel, and other Corson families immigrated, was indicated by the following records, although positive proof was lacking: In the 1790 census of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, appeared the name of Benjamin Corson as the head of the family of one male under sixteen and two females. His name followed the name of Michael Ross and is in the column that contains the name of Christian Corson. In Deed Book 8, page 268, Williamsport, Pa., is a deed record, dated Aug. 20, 1811, whereby Michael Ross of Loyalsock, Lycoming County (formerly part of Northumberland) conveys land, bounded by lands of Christian Courson, to Cornelius Courson. Also Orphans' Court, Sept. Term, 1834 (Docket C, p. 167), was asked to make partition of land, Loyalsock Township. Petition shows that Cornelius Corson died intestate about 1821, leaving widow, Phoebe, since deceased,, and eight children: Elizabeth (Murray); Mary (King); Deborah (Hall); Daniel; John; William; Cornelius; the last three being minors.

518 CORNELIUS CORSEN, JR., the youngest son of Cornelius Corsen, Sr., and his first wife, Annetje Van Horn, was baptised June 16, 1751. He is listed as the owner of 135 acres of land in the Bucks County Transcript of the years, 1779, 1781, 1782, and 1784. (Pa. Archives, 3rd Ser., Vol. 13, pp. 37, 144, 240, 277-8.) He was a private in the Fourth Associated Company of Northampton Township, Bucks County, under Capt. Henry Lott, in the Revolutionary War. He was also listed as a private in Capt. Andrew Buskirk's Company of Moreland, Second Battalion, Montgomery Company Militia. Cornelius Corsen, Jr., married Catrina Hageman. They had five children baptised in the Reformed Dutch Church of Churchville, four of whom were baptised on the same day, June 14, 1778. They were:

- 5181 HENDRICK CORSEN;
- 5182 CHRISTIAN CORSEN;
- 5183 JOHANNES CORSEN;
- 5184 WILLEM CORSEN;
- 5185 CATY CORSEN, bapt. ———, 1780.



## XXII

### DESCENDANTS OF CORNELIS CORSEN AND MARAGRITTA NEEFIES—JOHN CORSON AND HIS DESCENDANTS

519 DANIEL CORSEN was the elder son of Cornelius Corsen, Sr., and his second wife, Maragritta. The history of Daniel and his descendants will be given subsequently.

51:10: SARAH CORSEN, the only daughter of Cornelius Corsen and his second wife, Maragritta Neefies was baptised, Jan. 22, 1758. She probably died before she reached womanhood as she was not mentioned in the will of her father in 1774.

51:11: JOHN CORSON, the younger son of Cornelius Corsen and his second wife, Maragritta Neefies, was born, Sept. 15, 1759. He married, Nov. 8, 1787, Deborah (Engle) Duffield, widow of Joseph Duffield. She at that time had two daughters of the first marriage: Hannah Duffield, who married ——— Benner and lived in New Jersey; and Sarah Duffield, who died unmarried.

The compiler had the pleasure of reading the original marriage certificate of John and Deborah Corson, while he and his family were visiting at the home of Miss Mabel Corson, in Philadelphia. This interesting family relic, now in the possession of Miss Mabel, a great great granddaughter of John, reads as follows:

"To all whom it may cencern

I do hereby Certify that John Coarson of Montgomery & Deborah Duffield of Bucks County in the State of Pennsylvania, were joined together in the sacred Bonds of Matrimony & pronounced lawfully man and wife, in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Name this eighth Day of November Anna Domini 1787.

David Jones

Minister of the gospel at Southampton"

Miss Mabel Corson, whose home at this time was at 1559 Pratt Street, Philadelphia, Pa., also has the old family Bible, that records the date of birth of John Corson, as Sept. 16, 1759. By her untiring efforts and love of family history, she has furnished much of the information about Cornelius Corsen and his descendants in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. In a paper, which she read before the seventh reunion of the Corson Family Association of Philadelphia and vicinity, held, June 22, 1929, at Plymouth Meeting,

Bucks County, Pennsylvania, which the compiler and his family had the pleasure of attending, she said: "The story of John Corson, son of Cornelius, which has come to me, is that he lived in Bucks County (his marriage certificate states Montgomery County) in the neighborhood of Churchville and Southampton until the typhus fever epidemic, when he moved to Byberry."

John and Deborah Corson had the following children:

51:11:1 JACOB CORSON, born May 14, 1788, died August 12, 1821, unmarried;

51:11:2 MARGARET CORSON, born Sept. 13, 1789, died August 4, 1825;

51:11:3 AMOS CORSON, born Nov. 24, 1791, died August 17, 1836;

51:11:4 RACHEL CORSON, born Oct. 8, 1793, died Dec. 26, 1861, unmarried;

51:11:5 BENJAMIN CORSON, born ———, disappeared in 1812 or 13, tradition is that he was pressed into the Navy.

Only two of the five children married and left descendants.

51:11:2 MARGARET CORSON, daughter of John and Deborah Corson, married Benjamin Hogeland, Mar. 17, 1814, and had two children:

51:11:21 JACOB LAZALERE HOGELAND born Feb. 21, 1815;

51:11:22 MARY HOGELAND, born Nov., 1816, married Abraham Lukens.

It is said the Hogeland descendants are still living in Bucks County, near Newtown.

51:11:3 AMOS CORSON, the third son of John and Deborah Corson, was born "near Byberry," Bucks County, Pennsylvania. He was a machinist by occupation, and at one time was associated in business with Rufus Tyler (for whom he named a son), Charles Evans, and Mathias Baldwin, the founder of the Baldwin Locomotive Works. It is said they manufactured machinery for the United States Mint in Philadelphia. On March 20, 1820, Amos married Hannah Wilmerton Neff, the daughter of Samuel and Eleanor (Helveston) Neff, and the granddaughter of Rudolf Neff, one of Frankford's outstanding citizens, and a Captain in the Revolutionary War. The Neffs were of German-Swiss descent. One of the family, Barbara, suffered martyrdom in the Reformation.

After their marriage, Amos and Hannah Neff Corson lived in Phillipsburg, in Kensington, and in Philadelphia. Amos Corson died Aug. 17, 1836, in the prime of life, being only forty-six-years, two months and twenty-three days of age. His widow, Hannah Wilmerton Neff Corson, died on July 8, 1878. They are buried



in the Presbyterian Burying Grounds, in Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa. Amos and Hannah W. Neff Corson had the following children:

- 51:11:31 HESTER CORSON, born Feb. 10, 1821, died Feb. 27, 1825;
- 51:11:32 JOHN G. CORSON, born Oct. 5, 1822, died Feb. 8, 1871;
- 51:11:33 ELEANOR NEFF CORSON, born Jan. 21, 1825, died June 10, 1911;
- 51:11:34 RUFUS TYLER CORSON, born Dec. 17, 1826, died Aug. 17, 1884;
- 51:11:35 HENRY B. CORSON, born Nov. 30, 1828, died Mar. 26, 1913;
- 51:11:36 WILLIAM A. CORSON, born Nov. 11, 1830, died Oct. 23, 1908;
- 51:11:37 RACHEL ANNIE CORSON, born Aug. 17, 1832, died Aug. 22, 1925;
- 51:11:38 BENJAMIN F. CORSON, born July 3, 1834, died unmarried.

Five of the aforesaid children married and left descendants. An account of each follows.

51:11:32 JOHN G. CORSON, the second child of Amos and Hannah (Neff) Corson went to California to seek his fortune. He never returned, dying in California, unmarried. He is buried in Laurel Hill Cemetery, San Francisco.

51:11:33 ELEANOR NEFF CORSON, born Jan. 21, 1825, the daughter of Amos and Hannah (Neff) Corson, married William Kemp, and they had the following children:

- 51:11:331 WILLIAM RADLEY KEMP, born Nov. 19, 1858;
- 51:11:332 MARY ELEANOR KEMP, born Feb. 2, 1861, died Feb. 22, 1928.

Of these two foregoing children, only one married and left descendants.

51:11:331 WILLIAM RADLEY KEMP, married Jennie Downing and had children:

- 51:11:3311 ELEANOR NEFF KEMP, born May 27, 1893;
- 51:11:3312 EDITH RADLEY KEMP, born Sept. 28, 1894, married Caesar C. Zitske, Nov. 1919. They have no children.
- 51:11:3313 MARIAN RADLEY KEMP, born Dec. 9, 1896, married John Franklin Maile, Feb. 2, 1916. They have one child:
- 51:11:33131 MARIAN ELIZABETH MAILE, born Mar. 4, 1917.

51:11:34 RUFUS TYLER CORSON, the fourth child of Amos and Hannah Wilmerton (Neff) Corson, was born Dec. 17, 1826, at Phillipsburg, Pa. Concerning Rufus Tyler Corson, his granddaughter, Miss Mabel Corson of Philadelphia, says: "A letter in my possession, written by his mother to her sister, telling of the birth of Rufus relates: 'He is a fine big boy remarkably stout of his age.'" "Rufus T. Corson held various clerical positions and was Secretary of several local organizations. The min-

utes of the Decatur Fire Company of Frankford, written by him, are models of penmanship and construction. He lived at the General Pike Hotel, Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa., and following the example of his father, eloped with the daughter of the host, Robert Thornton, on Sept. 5, 1855. He married Caroline Watts Thornton, who was of Quaker parentage and a direct descendant of William Buckman, one of the Welcome passengers. Rufus T. Corson died Aug. 17, 1884, and is buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery." Rufus T. and Caroline Watts (Thornton) Corson had two sons:

51:11:341 ROBERT THORNTON CORSON, born Jan. 31, 1858;

51:11:342 CHARLES G. CORSON, born Apr. 25, 1860, married Louisa Gregory. He moved to the West, where he is said to have died. They had no children.

51:11:341 ROBERT THORNTON CORSON, the eldest son of Rufus Tyler and Caroline Watts (Thornton) Corson, named for his maternal grandfather, was born Jan. 31, 1858, at the General Pike Hotel, Frankford, Pa. He was graduated in law from the University of Pennsylvania and became an authority on Building Association Law. He was Senior Counsel of the Pennsylvania State League of Building Associations and at the time of his death was Treasurer of the United States League of Building Associations. At various times he contributed papers at the Annual Meetings of the League, one of which, "The First Building Association in the United States," has become famous.

Robert T. Corson lived in Frankford all his life and maintained law offices there and in Philadelphia. The Corson Building, Frankford, was, and is the home of five of Frankford's Building Associations. He served many years in City Council, was Vice-President of the Historical Society of Frankford and the Frankford Business Men's Association, Treasurer of the local Poor Board and an enthusiastic member of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association. Mr. Corson, during the recent World War, gave his time and services to the Local Draft Board, for which he was Attorney.

On July 1, 1878, Robert T. Corson married Eliza Overington Deal, the daughter of Charles E. and Hannah Cooper Deal. She died on February 21, 1918. In June, 1920, Mr. Corson married a second wife, Anna May Dyer. He died on August 19, 1921, and is buried in Oakland Cemetery, Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa. Robert Thornton and Eliza Overington (Deal) Corson had six children, five of whom have survived him. They are:



- 51:11:3411 CAROLINE CORSON, born Apr. 24, 1879, died July 19, 1879;  
51:11:3412 MABEL CORSON, born May 21, 1882;  
51:11:3413 STEPHEN CORSON, born Apr. 30, 1884;  
51:11:3414 RUDOLF NEFF CORSON, born Oct. 13, 1892;  
51:11:3415 LAURENCE CORSON, born Dec. 30, 1894;  
51:11:3416 THEODORE CORSON, born Jan. 12, 1902.

51:11:3412 MABEL CORSON, the only surviving daughter of Robert T. and Eliza Overington (Deal) Corson, was educated in Public and Friends' Schools, Temple University. She was the winner of the gold contest medal at the Philadelphia Conservatory of Music and a graduate of that institution, in the class of 1907. She is a conveyancer, Notary Public and accountant and is in business with her brothers. Miss Mabel has always taken an active interest in public welfare work and in the affairs of her church. She is connected with many organizations in various capacities. At this time she is Secretary of Alumni, Philadelphia Conservatory of Music; Corresponding Secretary of Flag House Chapter D. A. R.; and of The Frankford Day Nursery; Director and Treasurer of The Historical Society of Frankford; Treasurer for Foreign Missions of Philadelphia North Presbyterial; Superintendent Primary Department of the Sunday School of the Presbyterian Church of Frankford; she also is a member of the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, the Huguenot Society, the Welcome Society and the Pennsylvania Genealogical Society.

51:11:3412 STEPHEN CORSON, the eldest son of Robert T. and Eliza Overington (Deal) Corson, married on July 19, 1920, Mary Agnes Gerety. Stephen Corson served in the World War. He resides in Atlantic City, N. J. They have no children.

51:11:3414 RUDOLF NEFF CORSON, a son of Robert T. and Eliza O. (Deal) Corson, was graduated in law from Temple University and admitted to the Bar in 1915. He enlisted in the Army in May, 1917, and served until June 21, 1919; he was promoted to the rank of Second Lieutenant. He is following in his father's footsteps in Building Association circles; is a member of The Pennsylvania State League; Solicitor for a number of Building Associations and Treasurer of the local Poor Board. He is active in civic affairs and in the American Legion. On January 7, 1919, he married Marguerite Emma Child, the daughter of Joseph and Mary Ann (Clark) Child. They had two children:

- 51:11:34141 MARY CHILD CORSON, born July 29, 1923, died Aug. 7, 1923;  
51:11:34142 MARGUERITE CHILD CORSON, born Mar. 15, 1925.

51:11:3415 LAURENCE CORSON, the fifth child of Robert T. and Eliza O. (Deal) Corson, after completing his course in Northeast Manual Training High School, entered the Second National Bank, serving there in various capacities until he reached the position of paying teller. He has recently been promoted to the position of Note Clerk. Laurence Corson enlisted in the World War, but being placed in the limited service class because of an injury to his hand, he served as Clerk to the Local Draft Board, until it was discontinued. He was married Sept. 22, 1920, to Alice Frances Bennington, the daughter of Jerome and Margaret Bradford (Collins) Bennington. They reside in Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa., and have no children.

51:11:3416 THEODORE CORSON, the sixth and youngest child of Robert T. and Eliza O. (Deal) Corson, was graduated from the Frankford High School in 1921. He had the distinction of being the first five-letter man of this school. Theodore continued his studies at Temple University, where he studied Real Estate Law. He is now in the law and real estate business, founded by his father. Theodore Corson, Sept. 28, 1925, married Clarissa Markley Green, the daughter of Frederick A. and Mary (Heard) Green. They also reside in Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa., and have no children.

51:11:35 HENRY B. CORSON, the fifth child of Amos and Hannah W. (Neff) Corson, was born Nov. 30, 1828. He married Maria Shoch and they had the following children:

- 51:11:351 ELEANOR NEFF CORSON, born Apr. 1, 1850;
- 51:11:352 JOHN CORSON, born 1852;
- 51:11:353 MARY CORSON, born 1854;
- 51:11:354 HARRY INDEPENDENCE CORSON, born July 4, 1857;
- 51:11:355 GARDNER FULTON CORSON, born 1859;
- 51:11:356 LILY CORSON, born 1869.

The foregoing six children of Henry B. and Maria (Shoch) Corson married and left descendants. The record of each follows:

51:11:351 ELEANOR NEFF CORSON, the eldest daughter of Henry B. and Maria (Shoch) Corson, married Edward Simpson. They had the following six children:

- 51:11:3511 JOSEPH SIMPSON, born Aug. 16, 1869;
- 51:11:3512 EDWARD LIVINGSTON SIMPSON, born Sept. 8, 1871;
- 51:11:3513 HENRY CORSON SIMPSON, born Mar. 20, 1873;
- 51:11:3514 MARY DAISY SIMPSON, born May 25, 1876;
- 51:11:3515 CHARLES SMITH SIMPSON, born Jan. 3, 1879;
- 51:11:3516 CLARA SELENA SIMPSON, born Apr. 20, 1881.





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Eleanor Neff Corson died May 16, 1922, aged seventy-two years.

51:11:3511 JOSEPH SIMPSON, the eldest son of Edward and Eleanor Neff (Corson) Simpson, married Jane Mair, who was born July 6, 1871. They have two children and four grandchildren as follows:

51:11:35111 ABNER SIMPSON, born Dec. 26, 1893, married Mabel Twelves and they had four children:

51:11:351111 WAYNE EDGAR SIMPSON, born March 12, 1916;

51:11:351112 RUTH ELEANOR SIMPSON, born Feb. 20, 1917;

51:11:351113 MABLE DAISY SIMPSON, born Sept. 2, 1919;

51:11:351114 ALICE JANE SIMPSON, born Feb., 1924;

51:11:35112 EDWARD ELMER SIMPSON, born May 26, 1899, is unmarried.

51:11:3512 EDWARD LIVINGSTON SIMPSON, the second son of Eleanor Neff (Corson) and Edward Simpson, married Florence Viola Knorr. She was born June 24, 1873. They have the following five children and one grandchild:

51:11:35121 SARAH ELLEN SIMPSON, born Sept. 12, 1893, married Raymond Klinkers, and they have one daughter:

51:11:351211 ELEANORE KLINKERS;

51:11:35122 ERMA VIOLA SIMPSON, born Oct. 2, 1896, married Frederick Hogan;

51:11:35123 ELMER HOWARD SIMPSON, born Sept. 1, 1898;

51:11:35124 DORTHEA MAY SIMPSON, born May 6, 1905;

51:11:35125 FLORENCE SIMPSON, born Mar. 4, 1913.

51:11:3513 HENRY CORSON SIMPSON, the third son of Eleanor Neff (Corson) and Edward Simpson, married Grace M. Pepper, who was born Oct. 23, 1874. They have one son and two grandchildren:

51:11:35131 RUSSELL SIMPSON, born July 10, 1896, married Marian Averell, Sept. 30, 1916. They had two children:

51:11:351311 CORSON SIMPSON, born Aug. 31, 1918;

51:11:351312 RUSSELL THOMAS SIMPSON, born Nov. 8, 1920.

51:11:3514 MARY DAISY SIMPSON, the fourth child of Eleanor Neff (Corson) and Edward Simpson, married first, William Wristler. She married second, James Armond. Two children were born of the first marriage as follows:

51:11:35141 ETHEL WRISTLER, born Sept. 4, 1903;

51:11:35142 MABEL WRISTLER, born Jan. 15, 1905.

51:11:3515 CHARLES SMITH SIMPSON, the fifth child of Eleanor Neff (Corson) and Edward Simpson, married Katherine E. Kunz. They have no children.

51:11:352 JOHN CORSON, the second child of Henry B. and Maria (Shoch) Corson, married twice. His first wife was Jennie Thatcher of Camden, N. J., and the second was Anna Hughs. John and Jennie (Thatcher) Corson had two children:

51:11:3521 AUGUST CORSON;

51:11:3522 WESLEY CORSON.

51:11:353 MARY CORSON, the third child of Henry B. and Maria (Shoch) Corson, married, first, Frank Blakey; she married second, Friend Lodge. Mary Corson and Frank Blakey had two children, and two grandchildren:

51:11:3531 AMBER BLAKEY, born 1879, married Mae Mullin; two sons were born:

51:11:35311 PHILLIP BLAKEY, born 1911;

51:11:35312 DONALD BLAKEY, born 1915;

51:11:3532 FRANK BLAKEY, born 1881.

51:11:354 HARRY INDEPENDENCE CORSON, a son of Henry B. and Maria (Shoch) Corson married twice. The first wife was Magaret Dobson, and the second, his cousin, Hester Neff Corson Deal. No issue resulted from the second marriage. Four children were born to Henry I. and Margaret (Dobson) Corson. They have three grandchildren. They are:

51:11:3541 ALICE POLLARD CORSON, born 1889, married John Heck;

51:11:3542 MAY BLOSSOM CORSON, born 1892, married Joseph Wolfhart; they have one son:

51:11:35421 JOSEPH WOLFHART;

51:11:3543 ETHEL MARGARET CORSON, born 1894, married Harry Hipwell;

51:11:3544 HAROLD HOMER CORSON, born 1896, married Margaret Cavanaugh; they have two sons:

51:11:35441 HAROLD CORSON, JR., born Aug. 11, 1924;

51:11:35442 EARL CORSON, born Dec. 11, 1926.

51:11:355 GARDNER FULTON CORSON, the son of Henry B. and Maria (Shoch) Corson, married Clara Scattergood of Mt. Holly, N. J. They have two daughters:

51:11:3551 IRENE CORSON, born 1889;

51:11:3552 EDNA CORSON, born 1893.

51:11:356 LILY CORSON, the youngest child of Henry B. and Maria (Shoch) Corson, married Frank Fowler. She died in 1917. They had three sons:

51:11:3561 HORACE FOWLER, born 1902;

51:11:3562 GEORGE FOWLER, born 1905;

51:11:3563 JAMES FOWLER, born 1909.



51:11:36 WILLIAM AUSTIN CORSON, the sixth child of Amos and Hannah W. (Neff) Corson, was born in Kensington, and moved to Frankford, when a boy. He learned the trade of moulding, but afterward entered the painting business and painted the omnibusses that plied between Frankford and the City of Philadelphia. When they were discontinued he became associated in the painting business as a member of the firm of Wilson, Cocker and Corson. For many years he was an active member of several fraternal organizations. Later he entered the painting business with his sons. From 1867 to 1895, when he retired, he was a newspaper carrier, controlling a large section of this business in Frankford. He married June 15, 1853, Rachel Ann Shutt, the daughter of John and Sarah (Roane) Shutt. She was born Sept. 11, 1836, and died May 5, 1918. He died Oct. 23, 1908. They had five children as follows:

51:11:361 HESTER NEFF CORSON, born June 20, 1854;

51:11:362 SARAH CORSON, born Jan. 19, 1855; lived one day; buried in Fultonplot, Old Presbyterian Burying Ground;

51:11:363 JOSEPH WILLIAMS CORSON, born May 22, 1857;

51:11:364 EMMA PENNSYLVANIA CORSON, born Mar. 21, 1862;

51:11:365 WILLIAM TAYLOR CORSON, born May 13, 1872.

51:11:361 HESTER NEFF CORSON, the eldest daughter of William and Rachel Ann (Shutt) Corson, married Aug. 8, 1889, Charles H. Deal, a widower and a brother of Eliza Overington Deal who married 51:11:341 Robert T. Corson. He died less than two years later, on May 29, 1891. On June 18, 1919, Hester Neff Corson married a second husband, 51:11:354 Harry Independence Corson, her first cousin. She died July 29, 1931. There were no children of either marriage.

51:11:363 JOSEPH WILLIAMS CORSON, the third child of William Austin and Rachel A. Corson, married May 19, 1880, Ida Elizabeth Henry, the daughter of Daniel and Rebecca Henry. She died June 9, 1926; he died June 6, 1927. They had two daughters and two grandchildren:

51:11:3631 FLORENCE MAY CORSON, born Aug. 5, 1881, married Oct. 11, 1904, George T. Phillips, who was born Sept. 9, 1878. They had a daughter:

51:11:36311 IDA ELIZABETH PHILLIPS, born Sept. 17, 1908;

51:11:3632 ELSIE HESTER CORSON, born Jan. 30, 1885, married June 19, 1912, John Lewis States, who was born Aug. 5, 1890. They had a daughter:

51:11:36321 DOROTHY MAY STATES, born Nov. 30, 1921.

51:11:364 EMMA PENNSYLVANIA CORSON, the fourth child of William Austin and Rachel A. Corson, married June 16, 1894, Ernest Johnson, a widower. He died Jan. 22, 1936. They had one daughter and three grandchildren:

51:11:3641 HESTER NEFF JOHNSON, born Mar. 23, 1895, married Apr., 18, 1919, Watson W. Wright, and had three children:

51:11:36411 WILLIAM WATSON WRIGHT, born Jan. 23, 1920;

51:11:36412 HESTER NEFF WRIGHT, born Feb. 26, 1929;

51:11:36413 BARBARA NEFF WRIGHT, born June 16, 1934.

51:11:365 WILLIAM TAYLOR CORSON, the youngest son of William Austin and Rachel Ann (Shutt) Corson, after the retirement of his father, carried on his painting business. This he still (1931) continues, under the name of Corson's Sign Shop. In the spring of 1930, William T. Corson, having always been a lover of the water and boats, established the Corson Boat Co., with the building of a one-class standard Sloop. He married Feb. 20, 1901, Alice Elizabeth Milburn, the daughter of William S. and Mary D. (Edmonston) Milburn, a family from Virginia. They still live in the house at 4428 Leiper Street, Philadelphia, which was bought by his father in 1866 from the estate of William Dewhurst. William Taylor and Alice E. (Milburn) Corson had four children as follows:

51:11:3651 RACHEL ALICE CORSON, born June 16, 1902;

51:11:3652 RUSSELL AUSTIN CORSON, born July 16, 1903;

51:11:3653 MILDRED ELIZABETH CORSON, born Feb. 1, 1906;

51:11:3654 WILLIAM EARL CORSON, born Sept. 17, 1908.

Alice E. (Milburn) Corson, wife of William T. Corson, died Apr. 16, 1936.

51:11:3651 RACHEL ALICE CORSON, the eldest child of William Taylor and Alice E. (Milburn) Corson, graduated from the Philadelphia Normal School. She first taught in the Watson Comly School at Somerton. She later transferred to the James J. Sullivan School in Philadelphia, teaching English in the elementary grades. She is also at this time a student at the Temple University, studying for her degree. She is now corresponding secretary of the Home and School Association of the Sullivan School. She married Aug. 2, 1932, Albert Edward Epting, son of Frederick and Wilhelmina (Gelzer) Epting.

51:11:3652 RUSSEL AUSTIN CORSON, the second child of William Taylor and Alice E. (Milburn) Corson, after graduating from the Frankford High School continued his studies of Engi-



neering and Draftsman at the Drexel Institute. For a number of years he was head detailer at the American Steel Engineering Co., in Philadelphia. He left this to become a partner of the Corson Boat Company with his father. He married Amy Helen Anthony, the daughter of Thomas P. and Anna R. (Aistle) Anthony Sept. 8, 1928. They have one daughter:

51:11:36521 ANNE ELIZABETH CORSON, born Dec. 17, 1930.

51:11:3653 MILDRED ELIZABETH CORSON, the daughter of William Taylor and Alice E. (Milburn) Corson, after completing her common school education entered the Philadelphia School of Design for Women, where she was trained in Illustrating. After her schooling was finished, she worked for her father for a number of years, who was in the painting business founded by her grandfather in 1850. After 1930, she entered the advertising business as a commercial artist. She is much interested in genealogy and assisted in gathering data for this work. On Oct. 21, 1935, she married in Maryland, Edward Croll, son of Edward and Emily (Hawkins) Croll. They have a daughter:

51:11:36531 NANCY LEE CORSON CROLL, born Feb. 20, 1937.

51:11:37 RACHEL ANNIE CORSON, born Aug. 17, 1832, was the seventh and next to the youngest child of Amos and Hannah W. (Neff) Corson. She married July 29, 1855, William Teese, who was born May 2, 1830. He died Mar. 29, 1906, and she died May 22, 1925. They had five children:

51:11:371 WALTER A. TEESE, born Mar. 20, 1856, died Oct. 20, 1856;

51:11:372 MARY E. TEESE, born May 14, 1857;

51:11:373 ANNA MAY TEESE, born Dec. 30, 1858, died Jan. 10, 1861;

51:11:374 CARRIE C. TEESE, born Jan. 13, 1864;

51:11:375 WILLIAM W. TEESE, born Jan. 4, 1866.

51:11:375 WILLIAM W. TEESE, the youngest child of Rachel Annie (Corson) and William Teese, married May 26, 1894, Margaret R. Jarrett. He died Feb. 20, 1915. They had two sons and one grandson:

51:11:3751 WALTER J. TEESE, born Feb. 28, 1895, married Apr. 6, 1929, Margaret Davidson;

51:11:3752 JESSE W. TEESE, born Sept. 7, 1900, married Sept. 8, 1923, Dorris Fahringer. They have one son:

51:11:37521 PHILIP A. TEESE, born Mar. 12, 1925.

## XXIII

### 519 DANIEL CORSON AND HIS DESCENDANTS

DANIEL CORSON. In an old family Bible, the cover of which long ago has disappeared and its pages brown from one hundred and thirty years of existence, is written, on the pages for family records: "Daniel Corson, Senior, Departed this life, May the ninth, 1816, in the 62nd year of his age." On the top of the first page for family records appears: "Letitia Carter Her Book Bought in the Year Eighteen hundred and five, Price Six Dollars." On the bottom of this page is written: "This Bible I leave to my Daughter Prudence Corson, to be delivered to her after my decease. (Signed) Letitia Carter." It was printed by Mathew Carey, No. 122 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pa. On these pages are recorded the dates of birth of the children of Daniel and Prudence Corson, the dates of birth of the children of John and Letitia Carter, as well as the dates of death of many of both families. Also under deaths is written: "Henry Lott, Senior Departed this life December Twenty-first one Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty fore in the Seventy Seventh year of his Age," and "Mercy Lott wife of Henry Lott Senior, died November 25th one Thousand seven hundred and forty seven." Henry and Mercy Lott were the father and mother of Letitia (Lott) Carter and the grandfather and grandmother of Prudence (Carter) Corson.

This old Bible was handed down through several generations, finally coming into the possession of my cousin, Mrs. Elizabeth (Corson) Hatfield, about forty years ago, at a time when Mrs. Hatfield had become interested in family genealogy, and through whose efforts much information concerning the family was saved from certain loss. In 1928, after I had become interested in Corson genealogy, Mrs. Hatfield very kindly gave me, not only Letitia Carter's old family Bible, but also the family Bible of her grandfather, John Corson, a son of Daniel and Prudence Corson, as well as many old letters and records, that have been invaluable in completing this part of our story.

With the assistance of the records in these two old family Bibles a complete record of our family's ancestors for five generations was available. However, taking the line back four more generations proved a much more difficult task. The marriage records of Cornelius Corsen of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, to his first and



second wives were found in the Pennsylvania Archives and it seemed very probable that he must have been a brother of Benjamin, the second, whose descendants were recorded by Dr. Hiram Corson, and possibly was the father of Daniel. After six months of searching and corresponding, the parents of my great great grandfather, Daniel Corson, were positively identified as the aforesaid Cornelius Corsen and his second wife, Maragritta (Neefies) Corsen.

It was a welcome letter that arrived the latter part of March, 1929, from Mr. Alan Corson, who furnished the baptismal record of Daniel, baptised Feb. 26, 1756, as the eldest child of Cornelius Corsen and his second wife, Maragritta. Alan Corson, whose name and address had been given me, as one who might help solve my problem, is Chief Engineer of Fairmont Park, Philadelphia, Pa., and has been interested in Corson genealogy for many years. He has been president of the Corson Association of Philadelphia and vicinity for some time and has contributed greatly toward gathering the data for this work.

Nothing was learned of Daniel Corson's boyhood, but at the age of twenty years, he enlisted with his half brothers, Christian and Cornelius, Jr., and first cousins, Henry and Cornelius Corsen (sons of Benjamin, Jr.), in the Fourth Associated Company of Northampton, Bucks County, Pa., for service in the Revolutionary War. It was evidently just as true in Pennsylvania as on Staten Island, that the Corsen families "were all consistent Whigs" (see page 108).

On Jan. 22, 1780, Daniel Corsen married Prudence Carter. The ceremony was performed by Rev. William Van Horn of the Southampton Baptist Meeting. (Baptist Church Records, at Pa. Society, Bucks Co., B. 1, p. 362.) She was probably a Baptist. Prudence Carter was the daughter of John and Letitia Carter and was born Mar. 15, 1755 (New Style). John Carter was born in the year 1715, married Letitia Lott, 1751. He died in 1791. Letitia Lott was born Nov. 23, 1733, died Oct. 20, 1810. They had three children: John Carter, Jr., born Dec. 27, 1752 (Old Style); Prudence, above mentioned; Mary Carter, born May 27, 1757. Henry Lott, the grandfather of Prudence (Carter) Corson, was born in the year 1707; he died Dec. 21, 1784. At the age of 68 years he served his country as captain of the same company in the Revolutionary War in which Daniel Corsen, his two brothers and two cousins were privates. In the Penn. Archives, Second Series, Vol. 14, page 147, under Associated Battalions and Militia

of the Revolution, is given the personnel of the officers and privates of the Fourth Associated Company of Northampton Township, Bucks County. A reproduction of this record is given on this and the following pages. It will be seen that under "Captain" is "Henry Lott; aged 68." It is the only instance in which the age of the officers or privates is given, not only in this company but in other companies. It does not take much imagination to decide that this old man was proud of the fact that he could serve his country as captain at the age of 68 years, and insisted that his age be recorded.

## NORTHAMPTON ASSOCIATORS

Roll of the Fourth Associated Company of Northampton Township, Bucks County, taken pursuant to the direction of the Committee of Safety, August the 19th, 1775.

### CAPTAIN

*Henry Lott; aged 68*

### FIRST LIEUTENANT

Gerardus Wynkoop

### SECOND LIEUTENANT

John Kroesen

### ENSIGN

John Thompson

### PRIVATES

John Addis, Jr.	John Hageman, Jr.
Enoch Addis	Adrian Hageman
Arthur Bennet	Thomas Hellings
John Bennet	William Harvey
Isaac Bennet, swamp	John Kroesen
John Bennet, Jr.	Jacob Kroesen
John Bennet, Arthur's son	Gerret Kroesen
William Bennet	Gerret Kroesen, John's son
Isaac Bennet	Joseph Knowles
Jacob Bennet	Christian Keyser
Mathew Bennet	Gerret Kroesen, weaver
Aerian Bennet	Arthur Leffertse
Isaac Bennet, George's son	Leffert Leffertse
Guliam Cornel	Abram Leffertse
Rem Cornel	Richard Ledom
John Cornel	William Mannington
Jacob Cornel	Timothy McGinnes
Benjamin Carrol	Jacob Meyers
<i>Christian Corsen</i>	Daniel McDaniel
<i>Cornelius Corsen</i>	George Parsons



*Daniel Corsen*  
*Cornelius Corsen, Jr.*  
*Henry Corsen*  
 Hugh Cummins  
 James Cox  
 William Carter, cooper  
*John Carter*  
 Abram DuBois  
 Jacob Duffield  
 Henry Dyer  
 Charles Dyer  
 Elias Dungan  
 Garret Dungan  
 Thomas Dungan  
 Joseph Dungan  
 Jesse Dungan  
 Jeremiah Dungan, Jer's son  
 Thomas Dungan, Jer's son  
 Hugh Evans  
 Gawn Edems  
 Joseph Fenton, Jr.  
 John Fenton  
 Cornelius Fenton  
 Henry Feaster  
 David Feaster  
 Nathaniel Fetherby  
 Nathan Gilbert  
 James Greg  
 Christian Hageman  
 James Vansant  
 Simon Vanarsdalen  
 Henry Stoneman  
 Steven Howel  
 Jonathan Willard  
 George Willard  
 William Wiggins  
 Reyneir Bennett  
 Farrington Vandeventer  
 Henry Wynkoop  
 Isaac Wynkoop

Robert Parsons  
 William Parsons  
 Samuel Richardson  
 Clement Richardson  
 Jeremiah Richardson  
 Joseph Richardson, Jr.  
 Jonathan Shaw  
 Amos Suber  
 John Hayes  
 Robert McMasters  
 Hugh Tomb  
 John Tompson  
 William Randles  
 John Randle  
 John Roberts  
 John Rankin  
 John Torbet  
 John Porter  
 Stafford Graham  
 Robert Johnson  
 Robert McGrady  
 Joseph Parker  
 Gerret Vanarsdalen  
 Benjamin Vanhorn  
 Isaac Vanhorn  
 Benjamin Vanhorn, Jr.  
 Isaac Vanhorn, Jr.  
 David Vanhorn  
 Robert Vanhorn  
 Thomas Searle  
 Mathias Wesner  
 George Meysner  
 Francis Taggart  
 Paul Judge  
 Phillip Dracord  
 John Fisher  
 Joseph Tomlinson  
 Levy Choepin  
 James Brown

(Pennsylvania Archives, Second Series, Vol. 14, pp. 147 and 148.)

It is interesting to note in the personnel of this company appears the name of John Carter, as a private; John Kroesen, as second lieutenant; and the names of six other members of the Kroesen family as privates. Henry Lott was no doubt a grandson or great grandson of the original progenitor, Pieter Lott, who arrived in New Amsterdam from Holland in 1652, although the actual line of descent was not established. The immigrant Pieter Lott or Loodt had six children: Engelbert, born 1654; Catina, born 1687;

Peter; Abraham; Johannes; Hendrick. While Henry Lott does not seem to have been the son of Englebert or Hendrick, whose descendants are fairly well established, it is very probable that he was the son or grandson of Peter, Abraham or Johannes. Just twenty days before his death, Henry Lott made his will, dated Dec. 1, 1784. It was proved, Jan. 10, 1785, and is recorded in Will Book 1, page 16, Norristown, Montgomery County, Pa. His residence was given as Moorland (meaning Moreland). Five shillings were conveyed to each of the children of his son, Peter, and his daughter, Mary. The remainder was divided equally among his other children: Stephen, Henry, Zephaniah, Leonard and Letitia Carter. Daughter Letitia's share was to be held in trust, she to receive the interest and after her death her share was to be given to her daughter, Prudy, wife of Daniel Coursen. The executors were: Zephaniah Lott, Stephen Lott, and Daniel Corsen. Witnesses were: John Hogeland; John Hogeland, Jr., Derrick Hogeland.

Daniel Corson is mentioned in the Bucks County Transcript of the year 1779 as a single man. His name is also found in the Bucks County Transcript of the years 1781 and 1782. (Pa. Arch., 3rd Ser., V. 13, pp. 39, 141, 240.) The name "Daniel Coarson" was found in the Federal Tax Lists of Philadelphia County, Moreland Township, under the year of 1783. (Pa. Arch. S. 3, V. 16, p. 613.) He was also named in the list of privates, in "A Return of the Male White Inhabitants between the ages of 18 & 53 years belonging to Captain Andrew Buskirk's Comp'y of Moreland, the Second Batl. Montgomery Co. Militia, Commanded by Col. Geo. Smith, April ye 17, 1786, Third Company." (Pa. Arch. S. 6, V. 3, pp. 648-9.) From the foregoing records it would seem that Daniel moved to Montgomery County, about the time of his father-in-law's death, and may have lived for a few years on part of Henry Lott's estate.

No later record, than the last mentioned, was found in which the name of Daniel Corson appeared in Bucks, Philadelphia or Montgomery Counties. It is probable that Daniel and his family immigrated to Chillisquaqua Township, Northumberland County, Pa., very soon after 1786. Neither the names of Daniel Corson, nor other persons who were known to have lived in that part of Northumberland County, are listed in the 1790 census, which may indicate that Daniel was living in this county, when the census was taken. There seems to have been a movement of Corson families and those with whom they intermarried to Northumber-



land County about this time. Among these were: Daniel's half-brother, 511 Christian and his son, Derrick; Daniel's cousin, 533 Jametie Corson and her husband, John Kroesen. The 1790 census, warrantees of land, and other records seem to indicate that Daniel's half-brothers, 517 Benjamin Corsen and 518 Cornelius Corsen, Jr., whose names also disappeared from the Bucks County records about 1785, also moved to Northumberland County, Pa.

Daniel and Prudence (Carter) Corson had seven children, their record of birth being recorded in Letitia Carter's old Bible as follows:

- 5191 "LOTT CORSON was born Dec. the 14, 1782"; he was baptised, Mar. 3, 1782-3, in the Dutch Reformed Church of North and Southampton;
- 5192 "SARAH CORSON was born the 22 of Oct., 1784";
- 5193 "MARY CORSON was born Feb. the 28, 1786";
- 5194 "LETITIA CORSON was born Feb. the 20, 1788";
- 5195 "JOHN CORSON was born Nov. the 3, 1790";
- 5196 "RICHARD CORSON was born Dec. the 12, 1792";
- 5197 "DANIEL CORSON was born Feb. 22, 1797."

Very little information concerning the family of Daniel and Prudence, while they lived in Chillisquaqua Township, Northumberland County, Pa., has been preserved for us. In June, 1929, the compiler and his family stopped in Sunbury, the County Seat of Northumberland County, where a search of the records in the courthouse was made. Among the records that were found concerning the family was the nuncupative will of Daniel Corson. A copy of this will, which provides further proof of his issue, follows:

"BE IT REMEMBERED, DANIEL CORSON DECEASED.

That on the 22 day of May, 1816, letters of administration with the will nuncupative annexed in due and Common form of law, were granted unto Prudence Corson and Lott Corson, of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits, which were of Daniel Corson, late of Chillisquaqua Township, deceased, who hath put in sureties, George Lusher and William Shannon in two thousand dollars.

Witness my Hand,

JOHN L. TINNEY, REG.

#### DANIEL CORSON'S NUNCUPATIVE WILL

April 20th, 1816, Memorandum of the last will and testament of Daniel Corson of Chillisquaqua Township, and County of Northumberland deceased made verbally in the presence of his four sons viz, Lott, John, Richard and Daniel in his last illness and on his Death Bed who died on the 9th May this inst, is as follows; viz, after paying his just debts he wills and bequeaths to his beloved wife one hundred dollars, her bed and bedding and her choice

of any household furniture that she may want for her own use and the rest of the property to be divided in seven equal shares, she having one equal share with the rest, viz, Lot Corson, Sarah Gillespie, Mary Corson, John Corson, Richard Corson, Daniel Corson.

These words or the like effect the said Daniel Corson, declared in the presence of the subscriber with intention that the same should be his last will and testament.

Lot Corson, John Corson, Daniel Corson sworn and subscribed before me May 22nd, A.D. 1816, Andrew Albright one of the justices of the peace in and for Northumberland County. Be it remembered that on the 22 day of May, 1816, Lot Corson, John Corson, Daniel Corson came before me John L. Tinney, Reg. for the County of Northumberland and being duly sworn according to law and says that the contents of the within are true.

Lot Corson, John Corson, Daniel Corson, sworn and subscribed before me.

JOHN L. TINNEY,  
Reg."

Letters with the will annexed granted to Prudence and Lot Corson as per above.

According to Letitia Carter's old Bible, Daniel Corson died May 9, 1816, and Prudence Corson, his wife, died December 6, 1840. She died at the home of her son, Daniel, Jr., near Somerville, Butler County, Ohio.

5191 LOTT CORSON, born Dec. 14, 1782, the eldest son of Daniel and Prudence (Carter) Corson, married Susannah Olliver. From the records at Sunbury, it was found that Lott Corson purchased a farm of 267 acres 141 perches of land in Chillisquaqua Township, from Andrew Oliphant. The deed was recorded May 22, 1810. Fourteen years after the purchase of this farm, Lott died; his death being recorded in the Letitia Carter Bible as Oct. 2, 1824. He died in the prime of life, at the age of forty-two years. The names of the children of Lott and Susannah Corson, except Mary, whose death was recorded, were not found in this old Bible. From the records at Sunbury and a paper on Corson genealogy, written by Mrs. Elizabeth Corson Hatfield, about 1895, the children of Lott and Susannah are named as follows: (Probably not in order.)

51911 MARY CORSON, whose date of death was recorded as Feb. 14, 1827;

51912 PRUDENCE CORSON;

51913 WILLIAM CORSON;

51914 DANIEL CORSON, concerning whom, Mrs. Hatfield commented as follows: "Daniel Corson, son of Lott, ——— came with Richard, moving from here to Illinois, and later went to Wisconsin."

51915 ANDY CORSON, who, according to the same paper on Corson genealogy written by Mrs. Elizabeth Corson Hatfield, was "a son of Lott and located near or between Harrison and College Hill



(Ohio).” A search of this vicinity revealed no descendants of Andrew.

Prudence Corson was listed as a daughter of Lott only because of the similarity of her name to the name of Lott's mother. A record of her will, in which she conveyed her real and personal property to her brother, William, was found at Sunbury. It was recorded in 1868. The record of a deed was also found, in which Samuel F. Headley conveyed a certain lot, numbered 186, located on Queen Street, in the Borough of Northumberland, Northumberland County, Pa., to William and Prudence Corson. On Jan. 15, 1884, William Corson and his wife, Sarah, sold this lot to Sarah Hyer. Although an extensive search by correspondence was made of the vicinity, no descendants of William and Sarah Corson were found. The Borough of Northumberland is separated from Sunbury by the Susquehanna River.

5192 SARAH CORSON, daughter of Daniel and Prudence (Carter) Corson, married ——— Gillespie. It is not known whether they left any descendants. Sarah (Corson) Gillespie died June 1, 1828, aged 44 years.

5193 MARY CORSON, daughter of Daniel and Prudence (Carter) Corson, died Apr. 30, 1831, aged 45 years.

5194 LETITIA CORSON, daughter of Daniel and Prudence (Carter) Corson, died Oct. 29, 1789, aged 1 year and 8 months.

5195 JOHN CORSON, the son of Daniel and Prudence (Carter) Corson, married Margaret Durham, Jan. 19, 1815. After their marriage they lived in the town of Milton, Northumberland County, Pa., until shortly after the death of John's father, May 9, 1816, when they moved to Butler County, Ohio. The history of the family in Ohio will be given later.

5196 RICHARD CORSON, the son of Daniel and Prudence Corson, married Mary Lusher, the daughter of George Lusher. George Lusher lived in Liberty Township, Columbia County, Pa., where he died, Apr. 21, 1821. Richard Corson bought a farm from Joseph Haughenbaugh and wife; the transaction was recorded June 23, 1821, in Deed Book “U,” page 386, Sunbury, Pa. This tract was located in Chillisquaqua Township, Northumberland County, Pa. About 1834, Richard disposed of his property in Chillisquaqua Township and followed the footsteps of his two brothers, John and Daniel, into the great open West, stopping for

a short time with his brothers near Somerville, Butler County, Ohio.

While living in Butler County he lost a son, George L. Corson, who died June 8, 1835. He was buried in the Somerville, Ohio, Cemetery, where today a tombstone, just west of the old church, marks his grave. Richard and his family did not long remain in Butler County, moving to near Greenburg, Ind., and from there to Illinois. A search for their descendants failed to locate them in Indiana or Illinois. That Richard Corson, who practised dentistry, was successful in operations, that hardly would be attempted today, is verified by an interesting statement in a letter, written to Mrs. Elizabeth Corson Hatfield about twenty-five years ago, by his nephew, 51958 Richard Corson, also a dentist.

In speaking of his uncle, 51958 Richard says: "He used to pull teeth and fill teeth that he pulled and put them back. They would grow fast and some of them be very useful. Father (5195 John Corson) had one that ached badly, he (Richard) pulled it out and filled it with lead foil; it was before he was married and I remember of him having that tooth again taken out when I was seven or eight years old." By comparing dates, it will be seen that this tooth saw service for at least 24 years after it had been pulled, filled, and again inserted into the gums.

What little information we have about the children of Richard and Mary (Lusher) Corson was secured from letters written by his nephew, Richard, to Mrs. Hatfield. In a letter, dated Jan. 6, 1904, his nephew says: "There were six boys and three or four girls, Mary, the oldest married a man by the name of James. She died at Lawrenceburg, Ind.; her husband and two children, a boy and a girl, went east after that. The last I heard of them was shortly before the Civil War." Of the boys, he mentions: George L., who died June 8, 1835; John, who went to Missouri 58 years ago (about 1846), to transact some business and was never seen nor heard from. It was thought he was murdered. He also says there was a son named Henry. He refers to them as very "study" young men. The children of Richard and Mary Lusher Corson are listed as follows: (Not in order.)

51961 MARY CORSON, married ——— James, had two children;

51962 GEORGE L. CORSON, born Sept., 1817, died June 8, 1835;

51963 JOHN CORSON, died or disappeared about 1846;

51964 HENRY CORSON;

51965 WILLIAM CORSON;

51966 A BOY, name unknown;

51967 A GIRL, name unknown;



51968 A GIRL, name unknown.

Thus ends the incomplete story of Richard and his descendants.

5197 DANIEL CORSON, JR., the youngest child of Daniel, Sr., and Prudence (Carter) Corson, lived with his parents in Chillisquaqua Township, Northumberland County, Pa., until the death of his father in 1816. Soon after that time, Daniel, Jr., accompanied by his brother, John, and John's wife, Margaret (Durham) Corson, and their infant son, James, headed toward the great undeveloped West, to seek a new home. The party arrived later in the same year at the James Wilson home in Warren County, Ohio. Before we continue the story of Daniel, Jr., and John Corson in Ohio, let us get acquainted with Margaret Durham, the wife of John, and her ancestors and their families.

## XXIV

### THE DURHAM AND McCLINTOCK FAMILIES AND THE PART THEY PLAYED IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

The progenitor in America of the Durham family, to which Margaret Durham belonged, was one John Durham. According to the Abridged Compendium of American Genealogy, John Durham came from Scotland, through Ulster, about 1760 and settled near Milton, Northumberland County, Pa. Little is known of the family of John Durham; his name appeared in the tax lists of Northumberland County until 1786, when it is presumed he died. Of his family, his son, James, was born in 1746, and probably emigrated with the father from Scotland about 1760. From the old Durham family Bible, now in the possession of J. Edward Durham, of 319 W. Johnson Street, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa., we find James Durham married Margaret McClintock on Feb. 8, 1774. From this same Bible we find the record of the birth of their first born, as follows:

"JOHN DURHAM was born on Sunday the 5th of Feb., 1775."

Margaret McClintock, the wife of James Durham, according to family tradition, also was descended from a family that came from Scotland, the McClintocks and Durhams being Scotch Covenanters. Richard Corson, a brother of my grandfather, in a letter to Mrs. Elizabeth Corson Hatfield, his niece, mentions how he had many times listened to his mother tell about her grandmother McClintock being imprisoned in their church "edifice" in Scotland during religious persecutions. He tells how she, with others, were locked up for about two weeks and that, when they were finally released, they were so starved that they got on their knees and ate the grass under their feet.

James Durham, with his wife, Margaret, and young son, John, lived on their farm in Chillisquaqua Township, as did their neighbors in this settlement of Scotch families, in apparent peace and comfort until about the year 1777. But the Revolutionary War brought many hardships to these pioneers, and the suffering and hardships endured by this young family and their neighbors, in the purchase of freedom for their country, is surely enough to cause us to hold their memory in reverence.



The British organized the Indians in marauding expeditions, and these colonists for the next three years suffered indescribable horrors from their cruelty. Margaret, the wife, with her young son, was attacked from ambush; after witnessing the killing and scalping of her child, she was tomahawked, scalped, and left for dead. She survived her wounds, to see Fort Freeland overwhelmed by British and Indians, and to witness her husband taken a prisoner of war and marched off to Canada, where he spent over three years in a British prison. She lived to rejoin him after the war and to give birth to six children, one of whom was the great grandmother of the compiler.

An account of the murder of the young son, John Durham, the scalping of his mother, and the taking prisoner of the father in the surrender of Fort Freeland, has been preserved for our family, in writing, by my great uncle, Richard Corson. The compiler has in his possession this story as written by Uncle Richard, in a letter to Mrs. Elizabeth Corson Hatfield, in 1904. Richard Corson was a grandson of Margaret McClintock Durham, and his account is substantiated by many records of these terrible times.

The following story of the part James Durham and his family and their neighbors took in the founding of this country has been arrived at, after a careful study of the records, and a comparison of same with our family record.

### THE BIG RUNAWAY

After the Indians, in the fall of 1777 and the spring of 1778, had committed many murders on the frontier, Colonel Hunter, because of a lack of troops with which to defend the pioneers, sent word to Fort Muncy that all the settlers should desert their homes and flee to Sunbury for protection. Colonel Hepburn at Fort Muncy was to pass the word to Antis' and Horns' Forts above. The people were so panic stricken that Colonel Hepburn had some difficulty in securing someone who would volunteer to carry the message. Finally Robert Covenhoven, the great Indian scout and fighter, and a young millwright in the employ of Andrew Culbertson, agreed to undertake the dangerous mission. Purposely avoiding all roads, after crossing the Susquehanna River, they took their route along the top of Bald Eagle ridge until they reached Antis' gap, where they descended towards the fort at the head of Nippenose bottom.

As they neared the fort, they were startled by the report of a rifle, which had been fired by an Indian at a girl milking a cow.

The bullet had passed through her clothes, but luckily did no harm. After several more settlers were either murdered or taken prisoners, the message was delivered and all persons were ordered to evacuate within a week. In the next few days great excitement prevailed, while preparations were made for the flight. Canoes were gathered, rafts were built, and hog troughs (in fact, any craft that would float) were pressed into service. The wives and children of the settlers and what goods they could take along were put aboard and the trip down the river began. The men with their trusty rifles walked in single file on each side of the river, forming a guard for the convoy.

The trip to Sunbury was made without incident, as the Indians dared not attack such a formidable force. It was indeed a sad and melancholy flight; these people were leaving their homes, their cattle and their crops to the mercy of the enemy. It was called the "Big Runaway," a name by which this flight is still designated.

## THE SCALPING OF MARGARET McCLINTOCK DURHAM AND HER RESCUE

The foregoing were the events, happening on the frontier several miles west of them, that caused the Durham family and their neighbors, the McNight family, to become thoroughly alarmed and to make hasty preparations to flee to Fort Freeland for protection. Fort Freeland was situated six and a half miles north of Milton, Pa., on Warrior Run, and four and a half miles above where it empties into the Susquehanna River. It was one mile east of the well-known Warrior Run Church. The fort itself was built by Jacob Freeland and his neighbors in the year 1775; and was a stockade, not very strong and destitute of cannon. (See Penn. Archives, Ser. 1, Vol. 7, p. 366 and McGinness' Otzinachson, p. 131.)

While the Durham and McNight families were making preparations to flee, they were not aware that the Indians were watching their every move. After packing their goods on horses, the start was made for the fort. It seems that James Durham and Mr. McNight were not with the families on the trip to the fort. The party consisted of Mrs. Durham, her three and one-half year old son, John, Mrs. McNight and her infant son, riding horseback,



and two older sons of Mrs. McNight, who were on foot, driving the cattle of the two families.

Uncle Richard, in his version of the attack, says it was a hot and sultry day in August, and about noon the party had stopped to feed their horses and refresh themselves, while the young McNight sons had proceeded on ahead with the cattle. The Indians, of whom there were six or seven, had secreted themselves in a rye field and had allowed the young men with the cattle to pass them unmolested. As the rest of the party resumed the journey and were passing the ambushed Indians, they were fired upon. At the first volley the horses became frightened and ran. Mrs. McNight came near losing her child but she held on and reached the fort safely. Mrs. Durham's horse threw her and her child to the ground; the Indians then went in search of the McNight young men, who, on hearing the shooting and screaming, had hidden under an overhanging bank of the river. They were soon found and taken prisoners.

The Indians then returned to where Mrs. Durham was trying to quiet and pacify her young son, pounced upon her, seized the child, slew and scalped it, and as she jumped down the river bank, attempting to escape, they tomahawked and scalped her, leaving her for dead. After Mrs. McNight reached the fort, a party, headed by Elias Williams, was immediately formed to count and bury the dead. Upon reaching the scene, they found that life was not extinct in Mrs. Durham, and she raised up and piteously called for water. The men carried water in their hats and hands and revived her. It is said that she presented a horrible appearance with the loss of her scalp. They bound up her wounds as best they could, placed her in a canoe and paddled down stream eighteen miles to Sunbury, where Col. William Plunket, a distinguished physician, dressed her wounds. In addition to being scalped her skull was crushed by the blow from the tomahawk, just back of the ear. Doctor Plunket skillfully trephined and raised the crushed bones and she finally recovered. Uncle Richard relates how his mother had told him about the many times she had dressed her mother's wounds and that they never entirely healed.

Robert Covenhoven, the renowned Indian fighter, witnessed the scalping of Margaret Durham, as he was bringing some of his household effects down the Susquehanna River, in a keel-boat. On pages 451 and 452, Historical Collections of the State of Pennsylvania, by Sherman Day, is a very good account of the Big Runaway, as related by Mr. Covenhoven to the compiler, Mr. Day.

This article after telling in detail how Covenhoven had delivered his message to Antis' and Horns' Forts, states:

"Covenhoven hastened down to his own family, and having taken them safety to Sunbury, returned in a keel-boat to secure his household furniture.

"After Covenhoven had gotten his bedding, &c. in his boat, and was proceeding down the river, just below Fort Menninger, he saw a woman on the shore fleeing from an Indian. She jumped down the river bank and fell, perhaps wounded by his gun. The Indian scalped her, but in his haste neglected to strike her down. She survived the scalping, was picked up by the men from the fort and lived near Warrior's Run until about the year 1840. Her name was Mrs. Durham." (The year 1840 is erroneous, she died Sept. 4, 1829.)

## THE WINTER SPENT IN THE STOCKADE—FINAL SURRENDER OF THE FORT—JAMES DURHAM TAKEN PRISONER

After the Big Runaway, Colonel Hunter seems to have been granted some reinforcements by the Congress, for we find that "Col. Broadhead was ordered up with his forces of 100 or 150 men to rebuild Fort Muncy, and guard the settlers while gathering their crops."

When the settlers in the fall of 1778, after the Big Runaway, had returned to gather their crops, Jacob Freeland and his neighbors picketed or stockaded a half acre of ground around a two-story log house of Jacob Freeland. In this house or stockade thirteen families of the neighborhood spent the winter, to be more secure from the attacks of the Indians. Here James Durham and his wounded wife and these families endured great hardships. In the spring the men attempted to plant their crops, living in daily fear of attack by the Indians.

Finally after several attacks the fort was overwhelmed by about 100 British Redcoats and 200 Indians under Captain McDonald. Its bloody ending is told in a remarkably clear manner by Mary V. Derickson, who was born in the fort on Feb. 10, 1779. Her complete story about the occupants of the fort also contains an account of the scalping, very similar in detail to our family account. Her recollections, written in 1855, seventy-five years after the occurrence, are recorded in the Pennsylvania Archives, First Series, Vol. 12, pp. 364 and 365, a reproduction of which record is as follows:



"Sir: In compliance with your request, I will give (so far as my memory will serve) all the account of the early settlers and occupants of Fort Freeland. The fort was situated on the Warrior Run creek, about 4½ miles above where it empties into the Susquehanna river. In the year 1772, Jacob Freeland, Samuel Gould, Peter Vincent, John Vincent, and his son, Cornelius Vincent, and Timothy Williams, with their respective families cut their way through and settled within some two miles of where the fort was afterwards built.

"They were from Essex County, New Jersey. Jacob Freeland brought the irons from a grist mill, and in the years 1773 and 1774 built one on Warrior Run. There were several more families moved up from the same place, and they lived on friendly terms with the Indians until 1777, when they began to be troublesome and to remove their own families, in the summer of 1778 they had to leave the country, and when they returned in the fall they picketed (stockaded) around a large two story log house (which had been built by Jacob Freeland for his family), enclosing a half acre of ground; the timbers were set close and were about twelve feet high; the gate was fastened by bars inside. Into this fort, or house the families of Jacob Freeland, Sen., and Jacob Freeland, Jr., John Little, Michael Freeland, John Vincent, Peter Vincent, George Pack, Cornelius Vincent, Moses Kirk, James Durham, Samuel Gould, Isaac Vincent and David Vincent all gathered and lived there that winter.

"In November George Pach, son of George Pach was born, and on the 20th of May, George, son of Isaac Vincent, was born, on the tenth of February, 1779, I was born. My father was Cornelius Vincent. In the Spring of '79, the men planted corn but were occasionally surprised by the Indians, but nothing serious occurred until the 21st day of July, as some of them were at work in the corn field back of the fort, they were attacked by a party of Indians, about nine o'clock, A. M. and Isaac Vincent, Elias Freeland and Jacob Freeland, Jr., were killed and Benjamin Vincent and Michael Freeland were taken prisoners. Daniel Vincent was chased by them but he outran them and escaped by leaping a high log fence. When the Indians surprised them, Ben. Vincent (then ten years of age) hid in a furrow, but he thought he would be more secure by climbing a tree, as there was a woods near, but they saw him and took him a prisoner. He was ignorant of the fate of the others until about two o'clock P. M. when an Indian thrust a bloody scalp in his face and he knew it was his (and my) brother's Isaac's scalp.

"Nothing again occurred until the morning of the 29th about daybreak, as Jacob Freeland, Sen., was going out the gate he was shot and fell inside of the gate. The fort was surrounded by about three hundred British and Indians, commanded by Capt. McDonald. They were but twenty one men in the fort and but little ammunition. Mary Kirk and Phoebe Vincent, commenced immediately and run all their spoons and plates into bullets; about nine o'clock there was a flag of truce raised, and John Little and John Vincent went out to capitulate, but could not agree. They had half an hour given to consult with those inside; at length they agreed that all that were able to bear arms should go as prisoners, and the old men and women and children set free, and the fort given up to plunder. They all left the fort by twelve o'clock P. M. Not one of them having eaten a bite that day and not a child was heard cry or ask for bread that day. They



reached Northumberland, eighteen miles distant, that night and there drew their rations, the first they had that day. When Mrs. Kirk heard the terms on which they were set free she put female clothes on her son William, a lad of 16, and he escaped with the women. Mrs. Elizabeth Vincent was a cripple; she could not walk. Her husband, John Vincent, went to Capt. McDonald and told him of her situation, and said if he had a horse that the Indians had taken from his son Peter, the week before, that she could ride, and about daylight next morning, the horse came to them, he carried his wife to the lower end of the meadow, where she lay and saw the fort burned, and it rained so hard that night that she lay mid side in the water; when the horse came he (John Vincent) stripped the bark off a hickory tree and plaited a halter, set his wife on and led it to Northumberland, where there were wagons pressed to take them on down country.

"In the fall of '78, as a company of settlers were leaving the country on account of the Indians, they were fired at and Mrs. Durham's infant was killed in her arms, she fell with it, and they came and tomahawked and scalped her, and when the men went to count the dead, she raised up and asked for a drink of water. Elias Williams, one of the men, ran to the river and brought his hat full of water and gave her a drink, they put her in a canoe and took her to Northumberland, where Dr. Plunket dressed her head, she recovered and lived about fifty years. Her body was afterward lain in Warrior Run burying ground, about a half mile of where the fort stood. And now, Sir, my task is done, if it gives you any information of which you are not in possession I am glad to have done it.

"Very respectfully yours,

(signed) MARY V. DERICKSON."

## THE TERRIBLE FATE OF CAPTAIN BOON'S RESCUE COMPANY—ARTICLES OF CAPITULATION—OFFICIAL LIST OF THOSE KILLED AND TAKEN PRISONERS

After the surrender of the fort Captains Boon and Daugherty arrived with thirty men; supposing the fort was still holding out, they made a dash across Warrior Run, when they were surrounded. Capt. Hawkins Boon and Capt. Samuel Daugherty, with nearly half the force, were killed; the remainder broke through their enemies and escaped. Thirteen scalps of this brave party were brought into the fort in a handkerchief. According to the family traditional version of this daring and unsuccessful attempt at rescue of those in the fort, a Samuel and John McClintock, brother and father of Margaret McClintock Durham, were among those killed.



Thus ended Fort Freeland. Robert Covenhoven, the famous scout and Indian killer of the West Branch, had passed down ahead of this party of Tories and savages, giving notice of their approach, but it is said Fort Freeland did not get notice. (See pp. 381, 382, 383, 384 and 385, Frontier Forts of Pennsylvania.)

In the Pennsylvania Archives, Series 1, Vol. 7, pp. 609-611, is found a copy of the official report of Col. Mathew Smith, the commanding officer at Fort Augusta, at Sunbury, to President Reed of the Province of Pennsylvania, concerning the capture of Fort Freeland. With the letter was a list of the dead and a copy of the Articles of Capitulation. The first part of the letter told of the Colonel's plans for giving pursuit to the enemy; the last part of the letter follows:

"Col. Mathew Smith to Pres. Reed.

August 3rd, 1779.

Sir:

I enclose a Copy of the Capitulation at Fort Freeland, the Capt. McDonald of the Rangers, is formerly a Sergeant in Col. Montgomery's Regt. of Highlanders, his humanity has Appeared in this one Instance—Perhaps the first in this war, fifty two Women and Children come safe to this place, being the Number taken—four old Men also was Admitted to Come Back, the Enemy Supposed them not fit to March to Niagara, enclosed is a list of the number of Captn Boon's Party killed, also the Names of the Persons belonging to the Garrison. this Acct I believe is the fact as the part out yesterday have Buryd the Dead Gave me the list. the Distress of the people is Great—you may have some conception, but scarcely can be told—the town now composes Northumberland County, the enemy have burnt Everwhere they have been houses, Barns Rice and Wheat, in the fields, Stacks of Hay &c is all Consumed. Such Devastation I have not yet seen—I write this in haste & am Sir your Most Humble Servt."

"MATHW SMITH"

"Augst 3rd, 1779 Sunbury

No. 1

"Those killed at Freeland's fort in Capt. Boon's party." "Killed in the Fort"

"Capt. Hawkins Boon      Capt. Sam Dougherty

"Jas Watt

Jeremiah McGlughlen      Nathl Smith

John McClintock

John Jones      Edwd Costikan

Wm. McClung

Ezra Green      Mathew McClintock

James Miles

Hugh McGill      Andw Woods"

Henry Gilfillen"

No. 2

"Articles of Capitulation, Fort Freeland, 1779"

"Articles of Capitulation Entd into Between Captn John McDonald, On his Majesties part & John Little on that of the Congress.

Article 1st. The Men in Garrison to March out & Ground their Arms in the Green in front of the fort which is to be taken in Possession of Immediately by his Majesty's Troops.      Agreed too.

2ndly All Men Bearing Arms are to Surrender themselves Prisoners of War & to be sent to Niagara.      Agreed too.

3d The Women and Children not to be striped of their clothing nor Molested by the Indians and to be at Liberty to move down the Country where they please. Agreed too.

JOHN McDONALD, Capt. of Rangers.

JOHN LITTLE

"In a letter from Sunbury, dated January 27, 1783, to General James Potter, member of the Executive Council, Colonel Hunter incloses a roll of the men taken prisoners at Fort Freeland, the 28th July, 1779."

'Captains' company, John Neely, sergeant; George Baily, George Armitage, Aeron Martin, (died at Fort Chambly, January 8, 1780) Thomas Smith, Isaac Wilson and John Forney.

The following persons, being those of the Militia that enrolled themselves for the defence of the garrison: John Lytle, adjutant; Cornelius Vincent, quartermaster; sergeant, Samuel Gould; Henry Townly, Peter Williams, Isaac Williams, Henry Gilfillan, *James Durham*, Daniel Vincent, John Watts, William Miles, John Dough, Thomas Taggart, (died 16th January 1780); Francis Watts, made his escape on the same day he was taken; Peter Vincent, likewise made his escape the same day. ———' A number of his men who were taken prisoners at Fort Freeland, have come home poor and naked."

(Annals of Buffalo Valley, by John Blair Linn, 1755-1855.)

## JAMES DURHAM SET FREE AFTER PEACE IS DECLARED, REJOINS HIS WIFE

JAMES DURHAM arrived home, in 1783, after having spent over three years in a British prison at Niagara, when once more he and his wife were permitted to live peacefully as man and wife. He resumed his occupation as farmer, and in the next year, nine years after the birth of the first child, the second child was born. The issue of James and Margaret (McClintock) Durham, as recorded in the old Durham Bible, now owned as stated before, by Mr. J. Edward Durham of Philadelphia, Pa., were as follows:

"JOHN DURHAM was born on Sunday the 5th of Feb., 1775." (Died Aug., 1778);

"JAMES DURHAM was born on Nov. the 15th, 1784";

"MARY DURHAM was born on Friday, June the 8th, 1787";

"WILLIAM DURHAM was born on Friday the 14th of May, 1790";

"MARGARET DURHAM was born on Thursday the 13th of June, 1793";

"NANCY DURHAM was born on Monday, the 29th of Dec., 1795";

"JANE DURHAM was born on Wednesday the 14th of Aug., 1799."

James Durham came to be a large property owner, as a number of conveyances in the records indicate; the first conveyance on



record is a deed made to him for 181 acres of land in Turbot Township. This deed bears date of Aug. 29, 1786, and recites his residence as being in Turbot Township. James Durham made his will on Jan. 17, 1813. It was probated Feb. 13, 1813. He bequeaths to his wife, Margaret, his residence, household goods, and directs that his executors shall pay her ten pounds per year with other necessities for maintenance. He provides further for his two sons, James and William, and for a daughter, Mary Wilson, and three other daughters, Margaret Durham, Nancy Durham, and Jane Durham. This will recites his residence as Chillisquaqua Township.

During the summer of 1929 the compiler and his family visited the old Warrior Run Church and burying ground, and on an old weatherbeaten tombstone was recorded the deaths of James Durham and his wife, Margaret, as follows:

JAMES DURHAM

died

Jan. 24, 1813

in the 67 year

of his age.

MARGARET

consort of

JAMES DURHAM

died

Sept. 24, 1829

in the 74 year

of her age.

## THE DESCENDANTS OF JAMES AND MARGARET McCLINTOCK DURHAM

The following information about the descendants of James and Margaret McClintock Durham has been gathered from various records and from a series of letters written by J. Edward Durham of Philadelphia, Pa., to Mrs. Elizabeth Corson Hatfield, which contain an exchange of information on family history. They were written between the years 1904 and 1907.

JAMES DURHAM, JR., the second son of James and Margaret McClintock Durham, married Charlotte Gaston, the daughter

of Joseph Gaston, and granddaughter of Robert Gaston, who emigrated from near Somerville, N. J., to Northumberland County, Pa. Robert Gaston was born in 1732.

JOSEPH G. DURHAM, a son of James Durham, Jr., and Charlotte Gaston Durham, married Margaret Laird Lowry.

JOSEPH EDWARD DURHAM of Philadelphia, Pa., was a son of Joseph G. and Margaret L. L. Durham. The writer in the summers of 1929 and 1931 had the pleasure of visiting Mr. J. Edward Durham at his palatial home "Stonehurst," located at 319 W. Johnson Street, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa. He had for years been prominent in business circles, a trustee of the Penn. Mutual Life Insurance Co., and a successful manufacturer. He was much interested in his family's history and found time to devote to the study of same. J. Edward Durham, in 1878, married Nellie R. Strananhan. He died Oct. 23, 1933, at Skytop, Pa., while on a visit. His wife died several years previously. Their children are:

JOSEPH EDWARD DURHAM;  
FRED STRANANHAN DURHAM;  
LOWRY DURHAM (deceased);  
MRS. ELEANOR LEWIS MALE.

MARY DURHAM, a daughter of James, Sr., and Margaret McClintock Durham, married ———— Wilson.

WILLIAM DURHAM, a son of James, Sr., and Margaret McClintock Durham, married ———— Laird, and has a daughter, Mary, who married Charles Fox and lived near Mottville, Mich.

MARGARET DURHAM, a daughter of James, Sr., and Margaret McClintock Durham, married on Jan. 19, 1815, John Corson, the great grandfather of the compiler. The story of their descendants is found in another chapter.

NANCY DURHAM, a daughter of James, Sr., and Margaret McClintock Durham, married William Semple. They lived for a while at McEvensville, Northumberland County, Pa., a little town just south of the Warrior Run Church, but later moved to Marion, Iowa. She lived to be over ninety years old.

Margaret McClintock Durham had a sister, Nancy McClintock, born in 1758, three years after the birth of Margaret. Nancy McClintock married James Wilson about 1776. The following interesting record has been copied from a treatise of this family, written years ago by a granddaughter of Nancy McClintock, a



copy of which was made and preserved by Mrs. Elizabeth Corson Hatfield.

## JAMES WILSON AND NANCY McCLINTOCK WILSON AND FAMILY

"JAMES WILSON was born in Ireland, emigrated to this country when very young and settled in Pennsylvania. He was married to my grandmother, Nancy McClintock, in Pennsylvania, moved to Ohio in 1801, settled on Stillwater (river) north of Dayton, then moved to the head waters of Dick Creek, where they lived unto death. Grandfather died in his 84th year, grandmother lived a few years longer and died in her 86th year. They had eleven children; sons: John, Joseph, James, William and Mathew; daughters: Mary, Jane, Margaret, Ann, Sarah and Nancy."

This family record then continues with a story of the families of these eleven children, many descendants of whom live in this vicinity.

James Wilson and his wife are buried in an old cemetery adjacent to the first Church built in this section of the country, located about one and a half miles east of the village of Blue Ball, Ohio, in Warren County. This Presbyterian Church building long ago has disappeared, but in the old cemetery are two tombstones, built in the shape of an oblong stone box, on the top slab of which are the following inscriptions:

"James Wilson, departed this life Nov. 1, 1834, aged 84 years";

"Nancy Wilson, departed this life Mar. 26, 1844, aged 86 years. She was the wife of James Wilson."

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### THE DESCENDANTS OF 5195 JOHN CORSON AND MARGARET (DURHAM) CORSON IN OHIO

5195 JOHN CORSON, his wife Margaret and one-year-old son James, accompanied by John's brother, Daniel, Jr., left their home in Milton, Pa., for Ohio, some time after the death of the father, Daniel Corson, Sr., May 9, 1816. After a hazardous trip over the mountains in a conestoga wagon, they arrived in the fall of the same year, at the farm of James and Nancy McClintock Wilson. Nancy, as stated before, was a sister of Margaret (McClintock) Durham, the mother of John Corson's wife. The Wilson farm was situated several miles east of Blue Fall, Butler County, Ohio, in Warren County. It was no doubt the description of this wonderful new country sent back to the folks in Pennsylvania by James and Nancy Wilson, who had arrived fifteen years before, that lured John and Daniel Corson to seek their new home in this section of Ohio.

After the arrival of the newcomers, it was decided that they should live for awhile with the uncle and aunt of Margaret Corson, while the location for their new home was selected. While at the Wilson home that winter they took an active part in establishing the first Presbyterian Church organized in this section. The next spring, after some time had been spent in looking over the surrounding country, John Corson purchased a farm of 140 acres, in Butler County, near Somerville, Ohio. According to the record of this conveyance as found in Deed Book "F," page 300, in the Courthouse at Hamilton, Ohio, this farm was purchased from Alexander and Phebe Moore. The 140 acres was a part of the N. E. Quarter of Section No. 8, in Milford Township; the consideration was \$1,350.

The northwest corner of this farm formed the angle of a cross-road, where the Somerville-Oxford road intersected the Hamilton and Eaton Pike. At this corner there was at one time a school-house, a general store, and a blacksmith shop, forming a settlement known as "Jericho." These buildings have long ago disappeared, and "Jericho" is only a memory in the minds of the oldest inhabitants. The writer and his father, in the summer of 1929, visited



this farm and found the old original home still standing. Several rooms had been added to the front of the original house and at the time of our visit the present owner was preparing to remove the old part and rebuild it. John Corson raised his family on this farm, his children attending the school at "Jericho." In the year 1850 he sold his home and farm to James C. Teague. At this time he moved to a farm purchased in Twin Township, several miles north of West Alexander, Preble County, Ohio, where he died on Feb. 19, 1863, aged seventy-two years three months and seventeen days. His wife Margaret died on Mar. 21, 1866, aged seventy-two years nine months and eight days. Both are buried in the Middletown Cemetery, Middletown, Ohio.

According to the "Family Record" as given in the family Bible of John and Margaret Corson, their children were named as follows:

- 51951 "JAMES D. CORSON was born Nov. 13, 1815";
- 51952 "SARAH ANN CORSON was born Apr. 17th, 1817";
- 51953 "DANIEL CORSON was born Nov. 18th, 1818";
- 51954 "WILLIAM CORSON was born Nov. 16th, 1820";
- 51955 "MARGARET CORSON was born July 9th, 1823";
- 51956 "JOHN CORSON was born June 29th, 1825";
- 51957 "MARY JANE CORSON was born Sept. 3rd, 1829";
- 51958 "RICHARD CORSON was born Feb. 14, 1831";
- 51959 "WILSON CORSON was born Oct. 30th, 1835."

51951 JAMES D. CORSON, the eldest son of John and Margaret (Durham) Corson, married Louise (Barnett) Hornady, the widow of ——— Hornady. After his marriage he lived near Camden, Ohio, until his death on Nov. 11, 1895. He was buried on his eightieth birthday in the Somerville, Ohio, cemetery. He had no children.

51952 SARAH ANN CORSON, the eldest daughter of John and Margaret Corson, married Bethuel Vincent Thomas. They lived at New Madison, Preble County, Ohio, where they had three children.

- 519521 ELIZA THOMAS, born 1842, married Elÿe Hancock;
- 519522 MARGARET THOMAS, born Feb. 12, 1844, died Apr. 2, 1909;
- 519523 NANCY THOMAS, born Nov. 19, 1846, died Jan. 12, 1929.

519522 MARGARET THOMAS, the second daughter of Sarah Ann (Corson) and Bethuel V. Thomas, married Frank Siebert. They had seven children:

- 5195221 FLORENCE SIEBERT, died in infancy;
- 5195222 CLARA SIEBERT, born May 17, 1868;

5195223 HESTER NORA SIEBERT, born June 5, 1870;

5195224 ELIZABETH SIEBERT, died in infancy;

5195225 OLIVE SIEBERT, born Feb. 4, 1872;

5195226 SARAH MINERVA SIEBERT, born Dec. 24, 1874;

5195227 MARY SIEBERT, born Apr. 6, 1880, died at 21 years of age.

5195222 CLARA SIEBERT, the second daughter of Margaret (Thomas) and Frank Siebert, married Highley Morris. They live in Richmond, Ind., and have no children.

5195223 HESTER NORA SIEBERT, the third daughter of Margaret (Thomas) and Frank Siebert, married, Feb. 27, 1890, Benjamin Studebaker. They resided at Greenville, Ohio, where four children were born to them.

51952231 MARY STUDEBAKER, born Dec. 29, 1893;

51952232 HELEN M. STUDEBAKER, born Mar. 27, 1895, is unmarried;

51952233 SUSANAH STUDEBAKER, born Apr. 11, 1896;

51952234 FRANK STUDEBAKER, born May 8, 1899, died June 29, 1915.

51952231 MARY STUDEBAKER, the eldest daughter of Hester Nora (Siebert) and Benjamin Studebaker, married, Dec. 31, 1919, Walter Alexander. They reside at Greenville, Ohio, where Mr. Alexander is connected with The Treaty Co. They have one daughter:

519522311 ELEANOR ALEXANDER, born Apr. 26, 1923.

51952233 SUSANAH STUDEBAKER, the third daughter of Hester Nora (Siebert) and Benjamin Studebaker, married, Feb. 16, 1920, Walter Jeffries. She is a registered nurse. One son was born at Greenville, Ohio:

519522331 ROBERT JEFFRIES, born Feb. 26, 1926.

5195225 OLIVE SIEBERT, the fifth daughter of Margaret (Thomas) and Frank Siebert, married, Sept. 13, 1892, Ivan J. Dove. They resided at Eaton, Ohio, and had four daughters:

51952251 MIRIAM DOVE, born Feb. 27, 1894, married David Cathcart and had no children;

51952252 MABEL JANE DOVE, born Feb. 8, 1896;

51952253 KENDALL RUTH DOVE, born Sept. 21, 1898;

51952254 SARAH MARGARET DOVE, born Oct. 2, 1906.

Ivan J. Dove, the husband and father, died Mar. 21, 1922.

51952252 MABEL JANE DOVE, the second daughter of Olive (Siebert) and Ivan J. Dove, married, June 16, 1917, Philip G. King. They reside at Indianapolis, Ind., where Mr. King is the district manager of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. They have four sons:



- 519522521 MALCOLM STUART KING, born Dec. 28, 1918;
- 519522522 ROBERT GALEN KING, born July 14, 1920;
- 519522523 DONALD JACK KING, born June 18, 1922;
- 519522524 GREGOR WAYNE KING, born May 28, 1926.

51952254 SARAH MARGARET DOVE, the youngest daughter of Olive (Siebert) and Ivan J. Dove, married George Skelly. They reside at New Haven, Conn., and have two children:

- 519522541 RUTH GEORGINE SKELLY, born Aug. 6, 1926;
- 519522542 GEORGE FRANCIS SKELLY, born Nov. 23, 1934.

51952226 SARAH MINERVA SIEBERT, the sixth daughter of Margaret (Thomas) and Frank Siebert, married, first, Luke French. They had one daughter:

- 51952261 KATHLEEN FRENCH, born Aug. 25, 1891.

Sarah Minerva Siebert married, second, Thomas Noe. Two children were born to this union:

- 51952262 THOMAS NOE, born Aug. 13, 1902;
- 52952263 MARTHA NOE, born Aug. 15, 1904.

51952261 KATHLEEN FRENCH, the only daughter of Sarah Minerva (Siebert) and her first husband, Luke French, married, June 26, 1912, Chester Wehrley. They reside at Richmond, Ind., and have six children:

- 519522611 HILDA MARGARET WEHRLEY, born Jan. 27, 1913;
- 519522612 SARAH ALICE WEHRLEY, born Jan. 9, 1919;
- 519522613 RICHARD WEHRLEY, born Feb. 24, 1921;
- 519522614 GEORGE W. WEHRLEY, born Feb. 22, 1923;
- 519522615 MARTHA JOAN WEHRLEY, born Mar. 14, 1929;
- 519522616 MARJORIE JEYNE WEHRLEY, born Mar. 15, 1931.

519522611 HILDA MARGARET WEHRLEY, the eldest child of Kathleen (French) and Chester Wehrley, married, May 29, 1933, Edwin Jones. They live in Dayton, Ohio, and have two children:

- 5195226111 JOHN ARTHUR JONES, born Jan. 15, 1934;
- 5195226112 INFANT, born Aug. 7, 1936.

51952262 THOMAS NOE, the son of Sarah Minerva Siebert and her second husband, Thomas Noe, married, Mar. 31, 1924, Janice Isabelle Goodwin. They reside in Richmond, Ind., and have three children:

- 519522621 THOMAS ALLEN NOE, born Feb. 1, 1925;
- 519522622 BARBARA ANN NOE, born Sept. 27, 1927;
- 519522623 ELMER EUGENE NOE, born Feb. 24, 1930.

519523 NANCY THOMAS, the third daughter of Sarah Ann (Corson) and Bethuel V. Thomas, was born at New Madison, Ohio. She married, first, 1867, Robert Sharp. Soon after her marriage, Nancy (Thomas) Sharp and her husband moved to Jasper, Ill., intending to make their home in that state. They made the trip in a prairie schooner over the old corduroy road, now known as the National Highway, taking with them some of their household effects, farming implements, etc. The undrained land in Illinois proved too unhealthy for them and they returned to Somerville, Ohio, after having a large financial loss. Five children were born to Nancy (Thomas) Sharp and her first husband, four of whom died while young. They were:

- 5195231 SARAH ELIZABETH SHARP, born Oct. 5, 1868, died Mar. 23, 1869;
- 5195232 EUNICE GWIN SHARP, born Aug. 7, 1869;
- 5195223 KRATRICE SHARP, born Jan. 7, 1872, died Aug. 11, 1872;
- 5195234 ELIZA ELENORA SHARP, born July 25, 1873, died Sept. 9, 1873;
- 5195235 WILLIAM BETHUEL SHARP, born Aug. 23, 1874, died Nov. 27, 1884.

After the death of her first husband, Nancy (Thomas) Sharp married, Nov. 19, 1875, Thomas Antrim. Two children were born to the second union:

- 5195236 KATIE L. ANTRIM, born Nov. 5, 1876;
- 5195237 FLORENCE GERALDINE ANTRIM, born Oct. 5, 1879, died Nov. 19, 1896.

5195232 EUNICE GWIN SHARP, the second daughter, and only child to live beyond childhood, of Nancy (Thomas) and her first husband, Robert Sharp, married, Sept. 12, 1889, George C. Ehrnschwender of Hamilton, Ohio. They had two children:

- 51952321 KARL SHARP EHRNSCHWENDER, born June 6, 1890;
- 51952322 HILDA MARGARETTH EHRNSCHWENDER, born Mar. 12, 1895.

51952321 KARL SHARP EHRNSCHWENDER, the son of Eunice Gwin (Sharp) and George C. Ehrnschwender, is unmarried and resides at Indianapolis, Ind., where he is in the drug store business.

51952322 HILDA MARGARETTH ERNSCHWENDER, the daughter of Eunice (Sharp) and George C. Ehrnschwender, married, Sept. 8, 1934, Mahlon B. Sparks. They reside at Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Sparks is connected with the New York Central Railroad in the capacity of a conductor.

5195236 KATIE L. ANTRIM, the oldest daughter of Nancy (Thomas) and her second husband, Thomas Antrim, married,



Oct. 25, 1894, Harry E. Cornthwaite. They reside at Sevenmile, Butler County, Ohio, where Mr. Cornthwaite followed the business of carpentry and building. He died Oct. 31, 1937. Katie L. (Antrim) and Harry Cornthwaite had two children:

51952361 FOREST VINCENT CORNTHWAITE, born Jan. 18, 1896;

51952362 ANITA LILLIAN CORNTHWAITE, born Oct. 13, 1904.

51952361 FOREST VINCENT CORNTHWAITE, son of Katie L. (Antrim) and Harry E. Cornthwaite, married, Mar. 11, 1926, Nelle Blaut. They have no children.

51952362 ANITA LILLIAN CORNTHWAITE, daughter of Katie L. (Antrim) and Harry E. Cornthwaite, married, Apr. 12, 1924, Harold V. Bourne. They reside at Oxford, Ohio, and have two children:

519523621 BETTY JANE BOURNE, born Apr. 8, 1926;

519523622 JANET JEAN BOURNE, born Aug. 6, 1929.

51953 DANIEL S. CORSON, son of John and Margaret (Durham) Corson, was born on the farm at "Jericho." He married Sarah Macy on Nov. 9, 1847. In the old Macy family Bible the following records were found concerning Sarah Macy and her family:

John Macy, the father of Sarah Macy, was born July 1, 1795. Elizabeth Macy, the mother of Sarah Macy, was born Jan. 15, 1795. John and Elizabeth Macy were married on Mar. 20, 1818. They had the following children: Barbara Ann Macy, born July 21, 1819; Micajah and Foster Macy, twins, were born on Mar. 8, 1821, they died Mar. 18, 1821; Sarah Macy, born Apr. 30, 1822; Catherine Macy, born Jan. 7, 1824; Ucrates Macy, born Dec. 12, 1825; Joseph Macy, born Aug. 8, 1829; Mary Macy, born Oct. 30, 1830; Adanizah Macy, born Oct. 19, 1832; Abigail Macy, born Dec. 23, 1834.

John Macy, after the death of his first wife, married Elizabeth Philips on July 2, 1850.

Barbara Ann Macy, the eldest daughter of John and Elizabeth Macy, married Jesse Pugh on Sept. 12, 1839. They had two children: Marshall and Enoch Pugh, who, after the death of their parents, continued to live on their fine farm of about 1,000 acres, just beyond the west limits of the city of Indianapolis, until their death. Neither son married. Enoch died in 1917 and Marshall the following year. At the time of their death my brother, Lester Voss Corson, was the superintendent of this large farm.

Mary Macy, daughter of John and Elizabeth Macy, married John Lamb, May 21, 1851, and had children: Elizabeth, Emma, and Frank. Elizabeth died unmarried. Emma married John Decker and had no children. Frank Lamb married Elizabeth Thomas and had one child, Naoma Lamb.

Daniel S. Corson, before his marriage to Sarah Macy, made several trips to New York City on horseback. On these trips he, with other young men of the neighborhood, were engaged in lead-



ing a number of horses, which were delivered in New York for sale in the eastern markets. He served an apprenticeship as a cooper, and for years operated a cooper shop, on his farm, one mile north of Somerville, Ohio, just north of the Preble County line. After he had succeeded in paying off all indebtedness on his small farm, about the year 1855, at which time there was a general movement of settlers to take up new lands in Kansas, he sold his home and joined in the "rush" to Kansas. This trip proved a very bad venture; while he and his family were journeying up the Missouri River, the boat became stuck in the mud, an epidemic of cholera broke out, and many people were stricken. Thoroughly alarmed and disgusted, they finally were able to evade the quarantine and decided to return home.

After many trying experiences, and after using up most of their cash, they arrived at the old homestead, again purchased it and made another start. He again resumed his cooperage business, making many barrels for the distillery at Collinsville. Daniel S. Corson had a very jovial and humorous disposition, and was well liked by all who knew him. He was a member of the Order of Odd Fellows and always took an active part in the affairs of his lodge. The writer has many happy recollections of the weeks that were spent as a child at "grandpa's and grandma's," especially in the summer vacation time. In his later years he conducted a truck and fruit farm, raising especially grapes and apples.

Daniel S. and Sarah Macy Corson had the following children:

- 519531 JOHN MARSELUS CORSON, born Sept. 13, 1848;
- 519532 ORRILLUS MELLVILLE CORSON, born Feb. 6, 1852;
- 519533 LAURA JANE CORSON, born Aug. 6, 1855;
- 519534 MARY ELIZABETH CORSON, born Apr. 12, 1858.

Daniel S. Corson died Feb. 13, 1905, at the age of 86 years, and Sarah Macy Corson, his wife, died June 21, 1906, at the age of 84 years. They are both buried in the Somerville Cemetery, Somerville, Ohio.

519531 JOHN MARSELUS CORSON, the eldest son of Daniel S. and Sarah (Macy) Corson, as a young man assisted his father in the cooperage business. He also was a carpenter by trade, and later for some years was employed by the Southern Railroad Company in the construction of bridges, through the South. It was while thus employed that he married Kattie Britton of Burgin, Ky. The marriage took place at Lexington, Ky., on Mar. 18, 1891. They had one son:

- 5195311 MARSHALL CORSON, born June 24, 1892.



On Oct. 27, 1892, the young mother and wife died. Before her death the mother requested that her baby should be given to the father's sister, Laura, to rear. Accordingly the father and young son after the death of the mother made their home with the father's parents, with whom Laura Corson made her home.

519533 LAURA JANE CORSON and her sister,

519534 MARY ELIZABETH CORSON, were unmarried and lived at the old homestead with their parents. After the death of John's wife in 1892, the family augmented by John Marselus Corson and son Marshall lived happily until on Aug. 25, 1904, on which date it was saddened by the death of Laura Corson, the foster mother and daughter. For fifty-seven years since the marriage of the parents, this family had lived without a death in its immediate circle. Then in less than two years both parents, Daniel S. and Sarah, had died. After this the old homestead was sold and John Marselus Corson and son Marshall and sister Mary moved to Somerville, Ohio, John again working at his trade, carpentry, in Hamilton, Ohio. They later moved to Trenton, Ohio, where John Marselus Corson died Dec. 18, 1913, at the age of 65 years. He was buried beside his parents in the Somerville cemetery.

Their home again broken up, Marshall and Mary Elizabeth, who had become an invalid from rheumatism, came to Middletown and lived with Dr. Orrillus Mellville Corson, my father and Mary's brother. Mary Elizabeth Corson died at the Middletown Hospital on July 18, 1917. She was buried in the cemetery at Somerville, Ohio.

5195311 MARSHALL CORSON, the only child of John Marselus and Kattie (Britton) Corson, while making his home with Dr. Orrillus Mellville and Marie Corson, was employed in the building crafts. He not only became a skilled carpenter, but also was employed as a painter and steam-fitter. His knowledge of the building trades has been of great assistance to him in his present position as master mechanic for the P. Lorillard Co. in its large plant at Middletown, Ohio. Marshall Corson married Jannette Becket; they have one son:

51953111 ROBERT MARSELUS CORSON, born on May 31, 1915; married Sept. 3, 1938, Betty Schaerges, daughter of Charles E. and Frances Schaerges. They reside at Middletown, Ohio.

519532 DR. ORRILLUS MELLVILLE CORSON, my father, was the second son of Daniel S. and Sarah (Macy) Corson. He



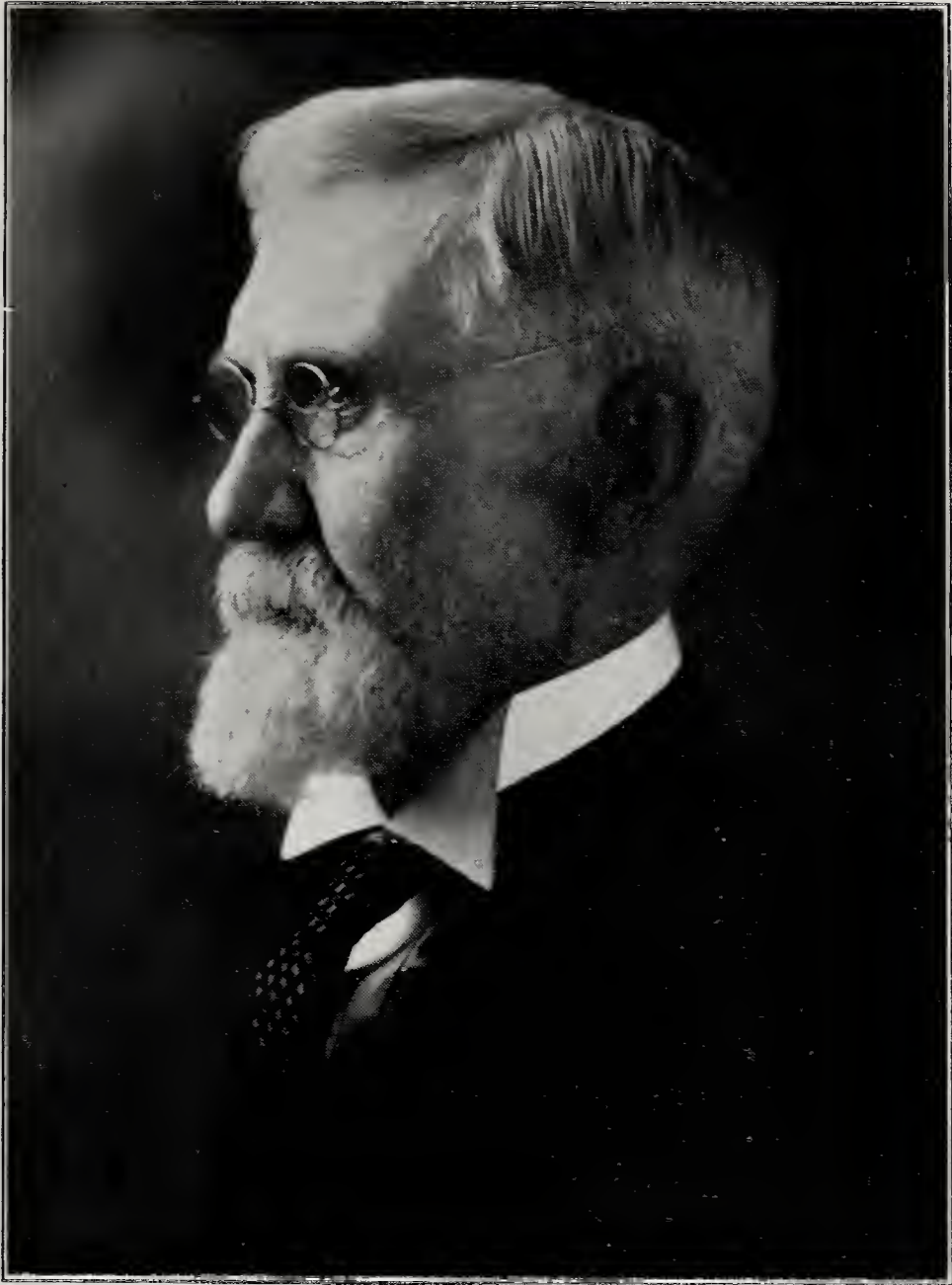
was three years old when his parents made the unfortunate trip to Kansas in search of a new home. I have often thought what a different effect it would have had on his family had this venture proved successful. After completing his education in the country schools, he attended an academy in West Elkton, Ohio, and later attended the (at that time) noted school conducted by Prof. Albert Holbrook, at Lebanon, Ohio. While employed in the office of the Star Newspaper at Cincinnati he was taken seriously ill with typhoid fever, but managed to reach the home of his parents, near Somerville, Ohio. While very ill and depressed with the fever, his uncle, Dr. John Corson, of Middletown, Ohio, who waited on him, suggested that he hurry up and get well and come to Middletown and study medicine with him. My father was thrilled at this opportunity and the psychological effect no doubt stimulated his recovery.

After his recovery, Orrillus M. Corson taught school for some years in order to secure funds to attend the Ohio Medical School at Cincinnati. During this time he devoted all his spare time after school hours and in vacation time in reading medicine with his uncle in Middletown, Ohio. In the year 1875 he entered the Ohio Medical College and received his diploma as a Doctor of Medicine on Feb. 28, 1878. Shortly after this he began the practice of medicine, opening an office in Trenton, Ohio. On December 14, 1882, Dr. Orrillus M. Corson married Marie A. Voss. The ceremony was performed at Hamilton, Ohio, by Rev. Abbey of the Presbyterian Church of that city. Marie Augusta Voss was the daughter of Louis and Elese (Von Huth) Voss. An account of her family will be given later.

Dr. Orrillus M. Corson continued the practice of medicine in Trenton, Ohio, until 1885. In that year his uncle, Dr. John Corson, died at Middletown, Ohio, and after his decease my father moved to Middletown, where he continued the practice of medicine, moving into the office of his uncle. In 1888 he purchased the property on the southwest corner of Main and Fourth (now First Avenue) Streets, where his office and home was located until 1927, when he sold this corner to the Standard Oil Co. He was for years recognized as one of the leading physicians and surgeons of the city. In 1890-91 he was a member of the Board of Education and always took an active part in civic affairs.

About 1923, Doctor Corson retired from the active practice of medicine and engaged in the real estate business with his three sons, under the name of "O. M. Corson and Sons," and later





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"Corson and Sons, Inc." After the sale of the old homestead, he and his wife moved into a new home on Kenwood Drive, Upper Arlington, Middletown, where he died, July 10, 1930, at the age of seventy-eight years. His death was the result of a fall occurring on July 4 at his home. His life was one that exemplified the highest type of manhood, as a husband, father, and citizen. He is buried in the Woodside Cemetery, in the same lot that his uncle, Dr. John Corson, and other members of his family are buried.

Dr. Orrillus Mellville and Marie Augusta Corson had three sons:

5195321 ORVILLE CORSON, born Sept. 16, 1883;

5195322 LESTER VOSS CORSON, born Sept. 20, 1885;

5195323 DANIEL STANLEY CORSON, born Aug. 4, 1890.

5195321 ORVILLE CORSON, born Sept. 16, 1883, at Trenton, Ohio, was the eldest son of Dr. Orrillus Mellville and Marie Augusta (Voss) Corson. He graduated from Middletown High School in 1902, and from then was associated with W. H. Drayer in the sanitary plumbing and heating business until Jan., 1914, when he was appointed building and plumbing inspector for the city of Middletown, Ohio. In 1935 he was made building commissioner. For many years he was a member of the American Federation of Musicians, playing viola and French horn, and was a member of the Armco Concert Band of Middletown. In 1928 he became interested in the genealogy of the Corson families, and gave much of his spare time to the research work necessary in compiling this work. In 1929 he was admitted to the Pennsylvania Society of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America. on July 8, 1908, he married Louise Weinman, the daughter of Ludwig and Catherine (Bruck) Weinman, who emigrated from Germany to Middletown, Ohio, in 1882. She was born in Middletown, Feb. 16, 1883. They have three daughters:

51953211 CATHERINE MARIE CORSON;

51953212 RUTH ELIZABETH CORSON;

51953213 HELEN VERA CORSON.

51953211 CATHERINE MARIE CORSON, born Oct. 16, 1909, graduated from the Middletown High School in 1928. She then attended a business school. She married, Apr. 11, 1934, Alfred C. Maier, born Apr. 2, 1906, the son of Joseph and Katherine Maier. He is associated with the Hamilton Coke and Iron Works, a subsidiary of the American Rolling Mill Co. They reside at Middletown, Ohio.

51953212 RUTH ELIZABETH CORSON, born Aug. 31, 1911, graduated from the Middletown High School in 1929. She

graduated from the Middletown Hospital School of Nursing in 1932, and is now a registered nurse. She resides with her parents at Middletown, Ohio.

51953213 HELEN VERA CORSON, born Oct. 6, 1912, graduated from the Middletown High School in 1930. She attended Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, for three years, taking a home economics course. In 1933 she was selected as one of the six most beautiful girls in the university. On Mar. 24, 1934, she married Willard Prentice Loomis, born Mar. 18, 1911, the son of David Prentice and Bertha Loomis of Canton, Ohio. He graduated from Miami University in 1933. They reside at Canton, where Mr. Loomis is associated with the Canton Coal Company as treasurer. They have two children:

519532131 NANCY ELIZABETH LOOMIS, born Feb. 15, 1936;

519532132 WILLARD CORSON LOOMIS, born May 29, 1937.

5195322 LESTER VOSS CORSON, born Sept. 20, 1885, in Middletown, Ohio, was the second son of Dr. Orrillus Mellville and Marie Augusta (Voss) Corson. He attended Middletown High School and was associated with the Barkalow Electric Company as foreman for many years. He moved with this company to Dayton, Ohio, then to Indianapolis, Ind., and then back to Dayton. Afterwards he was connected with the National Cash Register Company in Dayton, Ohio. He was also associated with his father and brothers in Corson and Sons, Inc., in the building and selling of homes in Middletown, Ohio. He married, Apr. 16, 1914, Letha May Long, the daughter of Samuel and Ida (Marts) Long. They have no children.

5195323 DANIEL STANLEY CORSON, born Aug. 4, 1890, in Middletown, Ohio, the youngest son of Dr. Orrillus Mellville and Marie Augusta (Voss) Corson, graduated from Middletown High School in 1910. For over twenty years he was associated in various capacities, finally as "roller" in the steel mills of the American Rolling Mill Company at Middletown. He also was associated from 1923 with his father and brothers in Corson and Sons, Inc., in the building and selling of homes. He married, Apr. 18, 1914, Nelle Winstead, the daughter of Frank and Betty (Daniel) Winstead, who were of Virginian ancestry. She was born Feb. 28, 1888, at Covington, Ky. They have resided at Middletown, Ohio. To them were born two sons:

51953231 DANIEL WINSTEAD CORSON;

51953232 WILLIAM LOUIS CORSON.



51953231 DANIEL WINSTEAD CORSON, born Feb. 20, 1915, graduated from the Middletown, Ohio, High School in 1932. He graduated from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, in 1938, and in the same year became associated with the Oglesby-Barnitz Bank and Trust Company of Middletown.

51953232 WILLIAM LOUIS CORSON, born Mar. 23, 1918, graduated from the Middletown High School in 1936. He attended the University of Cincinnati and is now (1938) associated with the C. E. McCune Automobile Company at Middletown, Ohio.

## MY MOTHER'S FAMILY

My mother's parents emigrated from Germany in the year 1851. Her father, Louis Voss, married Elesa von Huth a short time previous to their departure for this country. When we were children, my brothers and myself were always interested in hearing our grandfather Voss relate some of the difficulties he encountered in courting his future wife, our grandmother. It seemed that the family of Elesa von Huth did not approve of my grandfather calling on Elesa, because he did not have the "von" in his name. The "von" signified that the family was of the nobility, probably having the title in recognition of some military or other service to the government.

Probably the most interesting of my grandfather's experiences during his courtship happened when he had called at the home of his fiancée after the rest of the family had gone to church. Elesa, in anticipation of her lover's call, had remained home from church professing illness. All was lovely until her brother, suspecting his sister had only remained home in order to entertain her lover, left the church to investigate his suspicions. Elesa, upon hearing him coming, hid my grandfather in the tower of their home, and again professed illness until her brother, satisfied that everything was all right, returned to church. After he had gone the lovers continued their courting.

Because of her family's objection to my grandmother's coming marriage to her fiance, the young couple decided to be wedded and then go to America to seek their fortune. After my grandmother's family learned of these plans, they relented and consented to the marriage and tried to influence the couple to remain in Germany, but my grandparents had become too enthusiastic over the prospec-

tive trip to America to give it up. The wedding ceremony was performed and, three months later, with the best wishes of all, the trip to America was undertaken. The journey was made in a sailing vessel.

Elesa von Huth was a highly educated woman, being an accomplished musician and very talented in fancy needlework and drawing. Some pencil sketches of castles and other points of interest made by her during a trip down the River Rhine before she came to America, are still in the possession of the family and well illustrate her artistry. Arriving in America, they came to Middletown, Ohio.

After working for others a short time, Louis Voss moved to a farm in Madison Township, Butler County, located on the west side of the Miami River, several miles south of West Middletown, Ohio. After farming not very successfully for several years, he became interested in the raising of broom corn, when its culture was first introduced into this section. He later went into the broom manufacturing business, which he carried on very successfully. This business grew until he shipped brooms in large lots as far south as New Orleans and as far west as St. Louis. After the advent of machine-made brooms, his business decreased in volume, but he continued in this business until his death on Mar. 30, 1896.

Louis Voss very soon became thoroughly Americanized, spoke the English language fluently, and took an active part in civic affairs. He was an active sportsman, at one time being the champion of Butler County in clay pigeon shooting. He was a member of the German Lutheran Church of Middletown. He is buried in the Woodside Cemetery. Louis Voss married, second, Julia O'Connell. Elesa (von Huth) Voss, the first wife, died Apr. 4, 1868, when my mother was only nine years of age. She was born Mar. 4, 1827.

Louis and Elesa (von Huth) Voss had three daughters: Magdalena, born Feb. 8, 1853, died Aug. 4, 1882; Emma, born 1855, died Oct. 5, 1858; and Marie Augusta, my mother, born Sept. 18, 1859.

Marie Augusta Voss, after graduating from the Middletown High School, taught school in Trenton, Ohio, for several years. She, like her mother, is a very talented and accomplished woman, one who never loses an opportunity to do a good deed or to help a friend. Her ability is well illustrated in the fact that at seventy years of age she has undertaken and become very proficient in the driving of an automobile. All during her life she has been an



active and devoted member of the German Lutheran Church of Middletown. I cannot say less than there never was a better mother or wife than she.

This is the end of the story of my paternal and maternal grandparents and their descendants. The history of the descendants of John and Margaret (Durham) Corson in Ohio will now continue.

51954 WILLIAM CORSON, the son of John and Margaret (Durham) Corson, was born Nov. 16, 1820. The name of his first wife was not learned. One son, 519541 John Corson, was born of this marriage. He married, second, a widow, Melissa (Campbell) Miller. Two children were born of the second marriage:

519542 WILLIAM ALONZO CORSON, born Oct. 15, 1872;

519543 LAURA CORSON, born Sept. 2, 1874.

William Corson, Sr., died in 1885 and is buried at Webster, Ind., Melissa Corson, his second wife, died March 5, 1915, and is buried at Dayton, Ohio.

519542 WILLIAM ALONZO CORSON, the son of William, Sr., and Melissa (Campbell) Corson, married Elsia B. Schmidt on Feb. 21, 1900. She was the daughter of Phillip and Anna Catherine (Orthoefer) Schmidt. They reside (1939) at 765 S. Front St., Columbus, Ohio, where Mr. Corson is employed as motorman for the Columbus Railway, Power and Light Co. He enlisted for service in the Spanish American War and fought a skirmish at San Juan with Company F, Fourth Ohio Volunteers. They have one son:

5195421 WILLIAM PHILLIP CORSON, born Feb. 28, 1910.

5195421 WILLIAM PHILLIP CORSON, the son of William Alonzo and Elsia (Schmidt) Corson, married Pauline Hoskins on Oct. 3, 1931. She was the daughter of Everett and Hally Hoskins. He is an electrician and is also employed with the Columbus Railway, Power and Light Co. They reside at Columbus, Ohio, and have no children.

519543 LAURA CORSON, the daughter of William, Sr., and Melissa (Campbell) Corson, married Morton Thomas. They had no children. She died Dec. 8, 1924, and is buried at Dayton, Ohio.

51955 MARGARET CORSON, daughter of John and Margaret (Durham) Corson, when a little over one year old was fatally scalded, when she accidentally pulled a pot of hot coffee from the table. She died on Sept. 11, 1824.

51956 DR. JOHN CORSON, son of John and Margaret (Durham) Corson, received his preliminary education in the country school at the cross-road settlement known as Jericho, between Somerville and Oxford, Ohio. While a young man he taught school for several years, then studied dentistry in the office of Dr. H. S. Howells at Hamilton, Ohio. Dr. John Corson practiced dentistry several years, but soon decided to fit himself as a doctor of medicine. As was customary in those days, the ambitious young man entered the office of Dr. Andrew Campbell, with whom he studied medicine. Dr. Andrew Campbell was the father of the late Ex-Governor James E. Campbell of Ohio, and his office was located in Middletown, Ohio.

Dr. John Corson also attended the usual course of study at the Ohio Medical College, at Cincinnati, from which institution he graduated about 1850. Immediately after receiving his diploma Doctor Corson commenced the practice of medicine, opening an office at Jacksonburg, Ohio, where about six years later he was united in marriage to Caroline M. Martin, the daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Hunt) Martin. Dr. John Corson continued his practice at Jacksonburg until 1863, when he removed to Middletown, Ohio. By this time his practice had become very extensive, and he was recognized as one of the leading physicians of this section. His services were in such demand, and he was so devoted to his duties in relieving the sick, that he often found it difficult to find sufficient time to rest. Some of the older inhabitants have related to the writer that Doctor Corson had a colored man who drove for him on his trips through the country to his patients, and that many times the only sleep and rest the doctor was able to procure was that which he secured by sleeping in his buggy between calls.

During his life he took an active part in all civic projects, and for many years was president of the Middletown School Board. He was a member of the Butler County Medical Society, and in 1873 served as president of the Society. During these years of active and laborious practice at Middletown his reputation as a successful physician was widespread, and many students sought his office. Among those who profited by his teaching, and became a credit to their preceptor, were Dr. Joseph Iutzi; Doctor Aub, a noted eye and ear specialist of Cincinnati; Dr. John M. Withrow of Cincinnati; Dr. O. M. Corson, his nephew; and Doctor Allison.

Dr. John Corson and his wife were members of the First Presbyterian Church, always taking a leading part in its activities. Doctor Corson's wife, Caroline (Martin) Corson, was born May





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21, 1829. She died April 28, 1885, after a serious illness of three weeks. Doctor Corson was seriously grieved by the loss of his wife, and he passed on, dying six weeks after her death, on June 19, 1885. My father, Dr. Orrillus Mellville Corson, always felt that the untimely death of his uncle was probably hastened because of overwork, occasioned by the strenuous duties of his large practice.

Dr. John Corson and his wife, Caroline (Martin) Corson, had the following children :

- 519561 ELIZABETH CORSON, born ———, died Sept. 2, 1936;
- 519562 EMMA CORSON, born June 19, 1859, died Sept. 15, 1859;
- 519563 CAROLINE CORSON, born Mar. 10, 1861, died Oct. 5, 1865; and
- 519564 EVALINE CORSON, born Mar. 10, 1861, died Mar. 17, 1861 (twins) ;
- 519565 LOUELLA CORSON ;
- 519566 MARY OLIVE CORSON, born Aug., 1867; died 1920.

519561 ELIZABETH CORSON, the eldest daughter of Dr. John and Caroline (Martin) Corson, after graduating from the Middletown public schools, completed her education at the Oxford College for Women at Oxford, Ohio. In 1891 she married Vermont C. Hatfield, the son of Israel and Catherine Hatfield, and a descendant of an old English family, who very early emigrated to this country. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. McCampbell of the First Presbyterian Church. Vermont C. Hatfield was born Feb. 9, 1847, at Lebanon, Ohio, and when about twenty years of age came to Middletown, entering the drug business in the employ of the C. B. Johnson Drug Store. Subsequently he became associated with the Middletown Gas Company in the capacity of superintendent. He later bought the scrap and smoking tobacco business of the Wilson and McCaulley Co., which he conducted successfully for some years, finally selling his establishment to the American Tobacco Co. at the time this company bought the Wilson and McCaulley plant.

In 1903 Mr. Hatfield, associated with Carl B. Williamson, bought the coal and builders supply business of Wm. F. Gillam, on Central Avenue, at the Big Four Railroad. Mr. Hatfield served for some years as a member of the Board of Public Service of the City of Middletown. Because of his foresight and excellent judgment in important matters, he was familiarly known as "Judge" Hatfield. He was one of the original incorporators of Woodside Cemetery Association, and it was largely through his untiring efforts that such a beautiful burying ground has been provided for this city. In commemoration of him, Mrs. Hatfield has, very

appropriately, erected a massive stone entrance and gates, making a very artistic approach to these beautiful grounds.

For many years Vermont C. Hatfield was the president of the Middletown Business Men's Club, which, under his guidance, fostered and carried to a successful conclusion many projects destined to make a more progressive and prosperous city. Probably the most outstanding of these achievements, one for which the "Judge" deserved great credit, resulted in securing for his home city the location of the American Rolling Mill Company, in the year 1900. Although his generosity was never proclaimed, he was always a friend of the unfortunate. In his capacity, either as official or citizen, "Judge" Hatfield was a conspicuous figure in public affairs during the last half century. Vermont C. and Elizabeth Hatfield had no children. He died on Jan. 1, 1929, and was buried in the beautiful cemetery which is a monument to his memory. She died Sept. 2, 1936, and is buried beside her husband.

519565 LOUELLA CORSON, or Lou, as she is familiarly known among her wide circle of friends, the daughter of Dr. John and Caroline (Martin) Corson, after graduating from the Middletown public schools, attended the Oxford College for Women and the Mt. Auburn Thane Miller's College for Women, in Cincinnati.

519566 MARY OLIVE CORSON, the youngest daughter of Dr. John and Caroline (Martin) Corson, completed her education at the Oxford College for Women, at Oxford, Ohio. She also studied music and was recognized by her contemporaries as one of the leading vocalists of the city. She died in 1920 and was buried in the Woodside Cemetery.

The three daughters, Elizabeth, Lou and Mary, after the death of their parents, continued to live in the elegant parental home on Main Street. They were always active members of the First Presbyterian Church.

51957 MARY JANE CORSON, daughter of John and Margaret (Durham) Corson, married ——— Hune. They had two children:

519571 LOTTIE HUNE;

519572 A SON, died in infancy.

Mary Jane (Corson) Hune died Sept. 4, 1888.

51958 DR. RICHARD CORSON, son of John and Margaret (Durham) Corson, after receiving a common school education in the Jericho cross-road school, attended several terms at Miami



University in Oxford, Ohio, working in his spare time as a painter to pay for his tuition. He later studied dentistry, as did his brother, Dr. John Corson, with Dr. H. C. Howells at Hamilton, Ohio, and at this time attended the regular course in dentistry at the Ohio Medical School in Cincinnati. After receiving his diploma as a Doctor of Dentistry he opened an office in Middletown, Ohio, where he practiced his profession for many years, being recognized as one of the outstanding dentists in southern Ohio.

On Dec. 20, 1870, Dr. Richard Corson married Sarepta Catherine Shurte, the daughter of William B. and Ann Marcy (Denhem) Shurte. In 1886 Richard Corson was a member of the first Board of Directors of the Middletown Building and Deposit Association, at which time this newly organized building association absorbed the Union Building and Loan Association. In the year 1888 Dr. Richard Corson and his family moved to South Bend, Ind., where he continued the practice of dentistry. For many years after removing to South Bend, Doctor Corson, at least once a year, returned to Middletown to practice his profession, many of his former patients awaited his return rather than trust their dental work to another.

Dr. Richard Corson died June 21, 1909, at South Bend. His body was brought to Middletown, Ohio, where he was buried in the Middletown Cemetery, near the graves of four of his children, who had died before he left Middletown. Sarepta Catherine Corson, the wife of Richard Corson, died June 30, 1916, on her 75th birthday, she having been born on June 30, 1841. She also was buried in the Middletown Cemetery beside the grave of her husband.

Dr. Richard and Sarepta Corson had the following children:

519581 A SON, stillborn;

519582 JOHN EDMUND CORSON, born July 31, 1873, died at the age of six years and thirteen days, on Aug. 12, 1879;

519583 JOSEPH HENDERSON CORSON, born Mar. 17, 1875, died Aug. 1, 1875;

519584 ANNA MABEL CORSON, born June 10, 1876, she died in her eighteenth year, on December 16, 1893;

519585 ZELLA MARGUERITE CORSON, born Dec. 7, 1878. She studied music in South Bend and Chicago, where she prepared herself as a teacher of piano. She resides in South Bend, Ind., having lived with her parents until their decease. She is unmarried.

51959 WILSON CORSON, the youngest child of John and Margaret (Durham) Corson, married Mattie Sipe. They had no children. He died on May 13, 1890.



## XXVI

### THE STORY OF DANIEL CORSON, JR. AND HIS DESCENDANTS IN OHIO

5197 DANIEL CORSON, JR., the youngest child of Daniel, Sr., and Prudence (Carter) Corson, as mentioned before, came to Butler County, Ohio, in the year 1816, with his brother John and John's wife, to seek a new home in this newly settled part of the country. Daniel, when he made this trip from Northumberland County, Pa., to Ohio, was a young man of only nineteen years and was unmarried. He probably lived several years with his brother John. On Jan. 3, 1821, Daniel was united in marriage to Hannah Armstrong. A search of the records in the Courthouse at Hamilton, Ohio, revealed that Daniel did not immediately after his marriage own a farm of his own. Eight years after his marriage a record of a deed, dated Aug. 21, 1829, was found by which William Armstrong and Eleanor Armstrong, his wife, conveyed to Daniel Corson a farm of eighty acres, described by metes and bounds, and located in the northwest corner of Section 9, Milford Township, Butler County, Ohio. The consideration was \$600. This farm was situated just east of and on the opposite side of the road from the farm owned by John Corson, older brother of Daniel. It is probable that William and Eleanor Armstrong were the parents of Daniel's wife, Hannah (Armstrong) Corson.

Daniel probably lived on this tract only a little over seven years, as he conveyed this farm to Elliott Davis on Jan. 20, 1837. About two years later Daniel bought another farm of eighty acres from James Patty, being the south one-half of the northwest quarter of Section 11, Milford Township, Butler County, Ohio. The deed was dated Mar. 21, 1839. It was recorded the following day; the consideration was \$2,200. This new home was two miles east of the former and was several miles southeast of the village of Somerville, Ohio. On Mar. 12, 1841, Daniel Corson, Jr., bought another farm of 112 acres, being part of the northeast quarter of Section 11, and adjoining the farm purchased two years previously.

Daniel Corson resided on this farm until his death, Dec. 11, 1861. His will, dated Nov. 13, 1861, bequeaths, after the payment of all just debts and funeral expenses, to his wife Hannah and daughter Eliza Ann Corson, all the household furniture and the



farm of 112 acres "for the term of their natural lives or either of them after the decease of the other." The personal property was to be sold, the proceeds to be equally divided among his three children, William, Eliza Ann, and John Ross Corson. He also provided for the sale of the farm of eighty acres. Of the proceeds, one-third was to be paid to his wife, and one thousand (\$1,000) dollars to each of the three children, any balance to be equally divided among the wife and three children.

Daniel Corson designated as executors his two sons, William and John Ross Corson. The will was probated Dec. 21, 1861, and is recorded in Will Book 1, page 429. Hannah Corson, the wife of Daniel, died July 29, 1875. She was born June 3, 1798. They are both buried in the Somerville (Ohio) Cemetery. Daniel and Hannah (Armstrong) Corson had the following children:

51971 AN INFANT, stillborn, July, 1822;

51972 WILLIAM CORSON, born Dec. 3, 1823;

51973 ELIZA ANN CORSON, born Sept. 10, 1831;

51974 JOHN ROSS CORSON, born Feb. 24, 1834.

51972 WILLIAM CORSON, the eldest son of Daniel and Hannah (Armstrong) Corson, on Dec. 14, 1848, married Elizabeth McBurney. For many years he was a successful farmer, living near Camden, Preble County, Ohio. Later he retired, moving to Camden, where he died Nov. 29, 1893; Elizabeth, his wife, died Jan. 6, 1901. They are buried in the Camden (Ohio) Cemetery. William and Elizabeth (McBurney) Corson had two children:

519721 HANNAH LAURA CORSON;

519722 OSCAR TAYLOR CORSON.

519721 HANNAH LAURA CORSON, born Mar. 8, 1850, near Camden, Ohio, died Dec. 28, 1925. At the age of sixteen she entered Western Female Seminary, at Oxford, Ohio, now Western College for Women. This institution was "an outgrowth of the enthusiasm for women's education which influenced Mary Lyon in the founding of Mount Holyoke." Hannah entered upon her life work in the pioneer field of primary education, and for forty years she gave her rare personality, unusual teaching ability, and unbounded enthusiasm to this work in the public schools of Ohio.

519722 OSCAR TAYLOR CORSON was born on his father's farm near Camden, Ohio, May 3, 1857. He attended the village school and there under the direction of a remarkable teacher, Thomas A. Pollock, developed that passion for study and the



desire to teach others that made him one of Ohio's greatest educators. After teaching in the rural schools and serving as principal of the Fairhaven schools, he began his college course in Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, from which, after intermittent study, he received the degree of M.A. In 1907 the College of Wooster conferred upon him the honorary degree of LL.D.

In 1892, after three years in the Camden schools as principal, three years as superintendent in Granville schools, and four years as superintendent in the Cambridge schools, he was elected to the office of state commissioner of the schools of Ohio by the largest majority ever given a candidate for any office in Ohio, a position which he filled with distinction until 1898.

It was under his administration and guidance that the hardest educational battle ever waged in Ohio was made—the enactment of the Workman Law which provided for the consolidated township schools that would give to every boy and girl in the rural districts equal advantages with those in the villages and cities. He also had a part in establishing teacher training schools, now Colleges of Education, in Miami University, Ohio University, and Ohio State University.

In 1899, at the meeting of the National Education Association held in Los Angeles, Doctor Corson was unanimously nominated and elected president of that great body of educators, an honor greatly appreciated by him. He presided at the 1900 meeting held in Charleston, S. C.

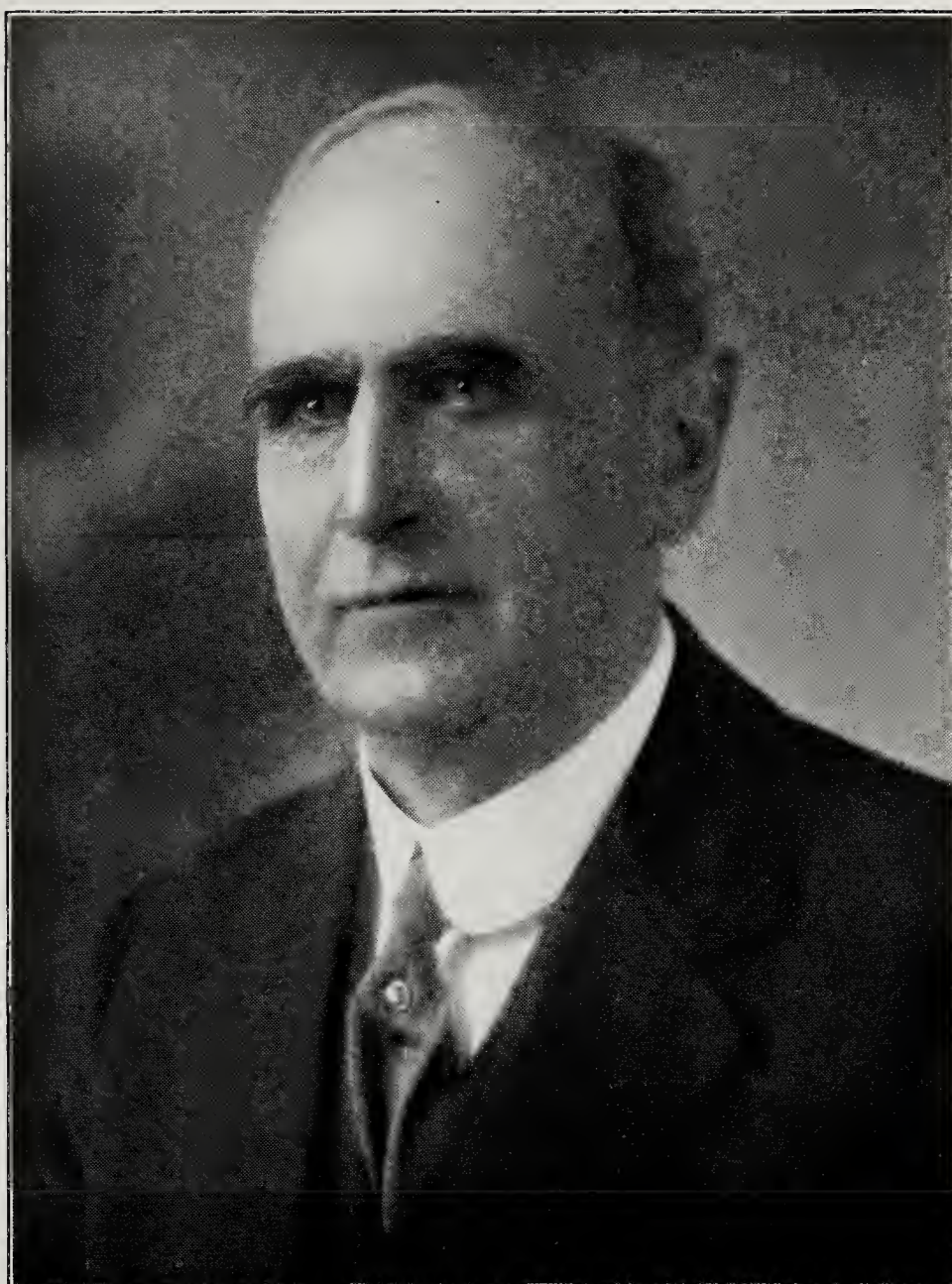
For almost a quarter of a century Doctor Corson owned and edited the *Ohio Educational Monthly*, founded in 1852, the oldest educational publication in the United States. Through its pages can be found the history of educational progress in Ohio.

A trustee of Ohio State University for fourteen years (1899-1913), he gave to that institution the same conscientious service that characterized whatever he did.

After refusing a third term as state commissioner of schools, he gave his whole time to lecturing and writing. In addition to the six volumes of Ohio School Reports, written during his terms of office, he now published "Our Public Schools," a work devoted to the inspiration and training of young teachers.

A student of Lincoln for many years, he now began to put into permanent form the results of his research and study and, in 1928, "Abraham Lincoln: His Words and Deeds" was published. In his analysis of the character of Lincoln he found humility, reverence, loyalty, honesty, simplicity, humor and magnanimity to be





OSCAR TAYLOR CORSON, M.A., LL.D.





the outstanding qualities. Doctor Corson unconsciously revealed the striking characteristics of his own personality.

Of Dutch and Scotch-Irish ancestry, he was a staunch Presbyterian and a ruling elder for many years.

On Aug. 2, 1881, he married Ella M. Jacoby, daughter of Reuben Minor and Catherine E. (Smyers) Jacoby. She was closely associated with her husband in all of his work and interests. Her intellectual comradeship was a constant source of inspiration during their years together.

Oscar Taylor Corson died Apr. 14, 1928, while addressing an educational conference at Ohio State University.

He died as he had lived, working for the cause to which he had devoted his whole life.

51973 ELIZA ANN CORSON, the only daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Armstrong) Corson, died unmarried. She lived in the homestead of her parents until her death, June 24, 1888. She was buried in the Somerville (Ohio) Cemetery, beside the graves of her parents.

51974 JOHN ROSS CORSON, the youngest son of Daniel and Hannah (Armstrong) Corson, married, Apr. 29, 1858, Eliza A. McBurney, a sister of Elizabeth McBurney, the wife of William Corson. John Ross Corson purchased the farm of eighty acres, described as the south one-half of the northwest quarter of Section 11, Milford Township, Butler County, when the same was sold as directed by the will of his father. Here he lived until his death, Dec. 16, 1898. John Ross and Eliza A. (McBurney) Corson had three children. They were:

519741 JAMES CORSON, born July 8, 1868;

519742 CATHERINE CORSON;

519743 T. HARRY CORSON, born May 6, 1872.

519741 JAMES CORSON, the eldest son of John Ross and Eliza A. (McBurney) Corson, married, first, Stella Falk. He married, second, Harriett Webb. James Corson for many years was cashier for the Pennsylvania Railroad and later was traveling auditor for the South Shore Lines out of Chicago, which position he held at the time of his death on Jan. 16, 1929. He resided first in Hamilton, Ohio, later in Michigan City, Ind. There were no children by the second marriage. James Corson and his first wife, Stella (Falk), had three children:

5197411 ARNOLD RAY CORSON;

5197412 HENRIETTA CORSON;

5197413 MARY CORSON.

5197411 ARNOLD RAY CORSON was born Jan. 26, 1894. After graduating from the Hamilton (Ohio) High School, he completed his education in the Hamilton Commercial College. In Dec., 1917, he enlisted as a private, Quarter Masters Corps, at Fort Thomas, Kentucky, to serve in the late World War. He served three months at Camp Johnson, Jacksonville, Fla.; eleven months with the A. E. F. at Tours, France; and four months with the A. E. F., Army of Occupation, at Coblenz, Germany. When he was honorably discharged at Camp Upton, New York, he was a sergeant first class, Q. M. C. He is now commissioned second lieutenant, Infantry Officers' Reserve Corps. Arnold Ray Corson is a member of F. and A. M., Chapter and Council. He attends the First Methodist Church in South Bend, Ind., where he has resided for some years. His present position is traffic manager of the Oliver Farm Equipment Company of South Bend. Arnold Ray Corson, on Dec. 25, 1920, married Erma Hazel Zilliox, the daughter of Charles and Catherine Zilliox. They have one son:

51974111 ARNOLD RAY CORSON, JR., born Mar. 14, 1922.

5197412 HENRIETTA CORSON, the second child of James and Stella (Falk) Corson, was born June 12, 1897, at Hamilton, Ohio. She married, on June 26, 1920, Clifford Frederick Niederman, the son of Samuel and Mary Niederman of Hamilton, Ohio. Clifford Niederman, after graduating from the Hamilton High School, was for some time purchasing agent for the Cullen and Vaughn Construction Co. of Hamilton. After the country entered the World War he enlisted in the Finance Division, Q. M. C. He was stationed at Buffalo, where he served in the Aircraft Division in its connection with the Curtiss Airplane Company. He is now manager of costs for the Beckett Paper Company of Hamilton, Ohio, where they reside. Henrietta (Corson) and Clifford F. Niederman have one son:

5194121 JAMES CORSON NIEDERMAN, born Nov. 27, 1926.

5197413 MARY CORSON, the youngest child of James and Stella (Falk) Corson, was born June 2, 1902. On June 27, 1925, she married Robert C. DeLong, the son of Herman and Lena DeLong. They reside at South Bend, Ind. They have no children.

519742 CATHERINE CORSON, daughter of John Ross and Eliza A. (McBurney) Corson, married ——— Parks. The writer has been unable to learn anything concerning them.

519743 THOMAS HARRY HALL CORSON, the son of John Ross and Eliza A. (McBurney) Corson, was born at Somer-



ville, Butler County, Ohio, on May 6, 1872. He married, Oct. 15, 1907, Lula May Blanchard, the daughter of Martin Luther and Susan Jane (Huffman) Blanchard. He spent most of his life at railroad work and was chief clerk for the Pere Marquette Lines in Saginaw, Mich. He died Nov. 30, 1937, and is buried beside his daughter, Grace Corson, in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Saginaw. Thomas Harry Hall and Lula May Corson had the following children:

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5197432 TWINS, born Jan. 15, 1909, lived only a few hours;

5197433 EDWARD HARRY CORSON;

5197434 JAMES THOMAS CORSON;

5197435 RUTH ELIZA CORSON;

5197436 GRACE CORSON;

5197437 MARY LOUISE CORSON.

5197433 EDWARD HARRY CORSON, born Feb. 21, 1910, graduated from the Arthur Hill High School at Saginaw, Mich. He married, July 23, 1934, Gwendlyn Oberlin, born Sept. 10, 1910, at Boyne City, Mich. He is a railroad clerk. They reside at Saginaw and have no children.

5197434 JAMES THOMAS CORSON, born Sept. 30, 1911, graduated from the Arthur Hill High School and then took a post-graduate course in chemistry, art, typewriting and trigonometry. He is now (1937) employed with the Pere Marquette Railroad and is unmarried.

5197435 RUTH ELIZA CORSON, born Feb. 16, 1913, graduated from the Arthur Hill High School and then took a secretarial course in Bliss Alger College at Saginaw. She married Curtis Ray Hovis. They have two sons:

51974351 GERALD THOMAS HOVIS, born Sept. 3, 1932;

51974352 JAMES FREDERICK HOVIS, born Sept. 17, 1935.

They reside at Saginaw, Mich.

5197436 GRACE CORSON, born Oct. 13, 1916, died at Saginaw, Dec. 31, 1918.

5197437 MARY LOUISE CORSON, born Dec. 25, 1920, is (1937) a student at Arthur Hill High School at Saginaw.

## XXVII

### BENJAMIN CORSEN, THE SECOND, AND HIS DESCENDANTS—MARYTJE SUYDAM AND HER ANCESTORS

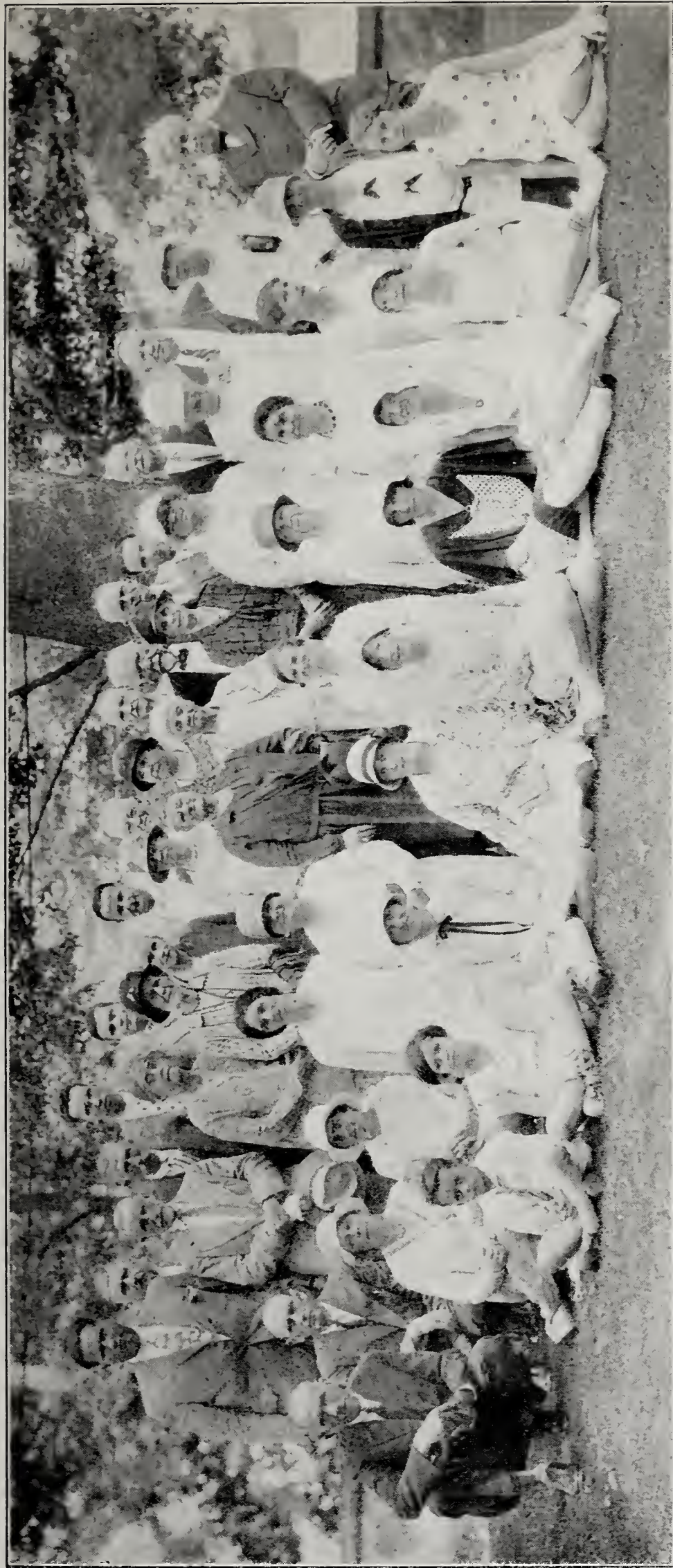
53 BENJAMIN CORSEN, the second, baptised Aug. 3, 1718, in the Dutch Reformed Church of Staten Island, was the youngest child of Benjamin Corssen, the first, and Blandina Viele. As stated heretofore, he came from Staten Island to Bucks County, Pennsylvania, with his parents, his brother Cornelis, sister Mary, and half-sister Blandina Woggelum, early in the year 1726. At that time he was eight years old, and while little is known of his boyhood, there can be no doubt that he received proper educational and religious instruction.

The following from Dr. Hiram Corson's *THE CORSON FAMILY* is significant: "In Aug., 1876, I visited New York, and on my return stopped off at Trenton to call on my cousin, Dr. Thomas Johnson Corson, son of Dr. Richard D. Corson, of New Hope, Bucks County, who resided there at that time. He showed me, during the visit, a small *DUTCH BIBLE*, printed in 1734, on the fly leaf of which was written: 'Benjamin Corson his Book: Born in ye year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighteen.' "

Benjamin Corsen, II, when twenty-four years old married Marytje Suydam or Sedam. The ceremony was performed at the Reformed Dutch Church at Churchville, Bucks County, Pa., on Jan. 2, 1742. (Pa. Archives, Ser. 2, Vol. IX, p. 517.) Marytje Suydam, born Jan. 20, 1721, was the granddaughter of Heyndryck Reycke, who emigrated from the Netherlands in 1663, and his wife, Ida Jacobs. A short review of this family may not be without interest. Heyndryck Reycke was a blacksmith, residing first in New Amsterdam. In Riker's *ANNALS OF NEWTOWN*, p. 320, it is stated that Heyndryck was "from Suydam." In answer to an inquiry regarding the location of "Suydam," Mr. A. J. F. van Laer, Archivist of the University of the State of New York, replied as follows:

"I find no such place as Suydam in the Dutch gazetteer, but have no doubt that it stands for Suyt Dam (Zuid Dam), meaning South Dam. There are innumerable places in Holland whose name begins with Suyt or Zuid, and





# REUNION CORSON FAMILY ASSOCIATION. PLYMOUTH MEETING, PHILADELPHIA. JUNE. 1929

*Left to Right, Standing:* Edward L. Corson, Jr.; Cornelius Corson; Norman Crawford; William J. Corson; C. Howard Corson; Mrs. Norma Crawford; George N. Highley; Sarah Garsed; Mary Crawford Tyson; Bolton Corson; Mrs. Percy Corson; Frank B. M. Corson; Nancy Cresson; Mrs. Alan Corson; Tacy Corson Cresson; Dr. Percy Corson; Henry H. Corson; Emily Corson; S. Cameron Corson; Carroll Corson; Mrs. Orville Corson; Walter H. Corson; Nina B. Reed; Alan Corson; Molly Corson Mulholland (Mrs. W. J.); W. J. Mulholland.

*Next to Those Standing:* Edward L. Corson; Orville Corson; Mabel Corson; Lillian Corson Slugg; ———; Mrs. S. Cameron Corson; ———; Mrs. Highley; Nancy P. Highley; ———;

*Front Row:* Master William Slugg; Margaret Green; Mrs. Theodore Corson; Catherine M. Corson; Mildred E. Corson; Helen V. Corson; Ruth E. Corson; Martha Corson.





Suyt Dam seems a very natural name for a hamlet which may not be of sufficient importance to be mentioned in the gazetteer."

"On Feb. 5, 1677-8, he (Heyndryck Reycke) bought of Simon Hansen (Van Nostrand) for 3300 gl. his bouwery (farm) in "Midwout,"—as per page 21 of Vol. AA, of Flatbush records, to which he removed. Heyndryck Reycke was a member of the Flatbush Church in 1678; on assessment roll of 1683; census of 1698; and took the oath of allegiance (to the British) there in 1687. His will was dated Dec. 13, 1689; proved June 26, 1701; recorded page 129, Liber 2, N. Y. Surrogate's Office. Issue: Ryck, bapt. Oct. 10, 1666, died young; Jacob, born (per Riker) in 1666; Cornelis; Hendrick, of Bedford; Ryck, bapt. Oct. 10, 1675; Ida, bapt. Apr. 6, 1678, in New Utrecht (married Jan Aartsen); Jannetje, bapt. June 27, 1680, in New Utrecht, died young; Jannetje, bapt. Sept. 23, 1683, in Breucklen, died young; Abraham, bapt. Mar. 12, 1684; Jannetje, bapt. June 23, 1685, married Tunis Rapalje of Bushwick; and Geertrude, bapt. Mar. 20, 1692. Signed his name, 'Heyndryck Reycke.'" (Bergen, pages 292-3.)

Heyndryck Reycke, no doubt, also was known as Heyndryck Reycke van Suydam, as three of his sons are among those named as executors in the will of Paulus Van Enden, in which instrument, written in the Dutch language, their names appear as Jacob van Suydam, Hendrick van Suydam and Ryck van Suydam. Evidently Reycke's children did not use the father's baptismal name as a patronymic and write their name, Heyndrycksen, but chose to use the appellation, Van Suydam, as a family name. Thus "Suydam" became the family name by which the descendants are known.

Ryck Suydam, the son of Heyndryck Reycke, baptised Oct. 10, 1675, married, first, Jannetje ———, second, Dorritie ———. Concerning Ryck Suydam, Bergen states on page 294, as follows: "On Feb. 2, 1697, his father, Heyndryck Reycke, conveyed to him, 52 Morgans in Bedford, as per page 149, of Liber 2, of Conveyances. On assessment roll of Flatlands in 1693 and Lieut. of troops in 1715. Will dated Feb. 25, 1740-1, proved Feb. 9, 1742. Issue: Hendrick, of Monmouth Co., N. J., bapt. Feb. 2, 1701; John; Ryck, of Monmouth Co., N. J.; Ertie (Ida); Antie; Geertie, married William Bennett; Jannetje, married Abraham Bennett; Christina or Styntje, married Johannes Bennett of Bucks Co., Pa.; and Marytje, married Benjamin Corsen of Bucks Co., Pa. Signed his name, 'Rick Suydam,' in 1715."

His will, recorded in Liber 14, page 186, N. Y. Surrogate's Office, an abstract of which is found on pages 352-3, Historical

Society Collection of Wills, recites: "In the name of God, Amen, Feb. 25, 1740-1. I, Ryck Suydam, of Flatbush, in Kings County, yoeman—." Mentions: wife Dorothy and children, Hendrick; Jan; Ryck; Ertie; Antie; Gertie; Jannettie; Styntje; and Marytje. A special bequest to Marytje reads: "I leave to my daughter, Marytje, for her dowry, or out set, if she shall be married, 50 pounds." Executors are sons, Hendrick, Jan, and Ryck. Witnesses: Peter Lefferts, Hendrick Suydam, and Cornelis Suydam.

## CHILDREN OF BENJAMIN AND MARYTJE SUYDAM CORSEN AND THEIR DESCENDANTS

Benjamin Corsen and Marytje Suydam had eight children, six of whom were found to have been baptised in the Reformed Dutch Church of North and Southampton (Churchville), Bucks County, Pa. Although the baptismal records of the other two children were probably lost, the year of birth of one of these, Cornelius, is known from the record of his age at the time of death, and the other, Abraham, was probably next to the youngest of his children. The eight children, in their probable order of birth, with the baptismal records, as recorded in the Dutch Church, where they were originally written in the Dutch language, are as follows:

- 531 BENJAMIN CORSEN, the III, bapt. Mar. 6, 1743;
- 532 RICK (RICHARD) CORSEN, bapt. Apr. 2, 1745;
- 533 JAMETIE CORSEN, bapt. Apr. 26, 1747;
- 534 CORNELIUS CORSEN, born 1749, died Oct. 19, 1823;
- 535 HENDRICK CORSEN, bapt. Jan. 6, 1754;
- 536 MARIA CORSEN, bapt. Feb. 8, 1754;
- 537 ABRAHAM CORSEN, born ———;
- 538 JOHANNES CORSEN, bapt. Dec. 25, 1760.

The six baptismal records follow:

DATE	PARENTS	CHILD	SPONSORS	PAGE
Mar. 6, 1743	Benjamin Corsen Maritie Sedam	Benjamin	————— —————	9
Apr. 2, 1745	Benjamin Corsen Marytje Sedam	Rick	William Bennett Gertie Sedam	13
Apr. 26, 1747	Benjamin Corsen Maria Sedam	Jametie	Abraham Bennett Jametie Bennett	16
Jan. 6, 1754	Benjamin Corsen Marytie Sedam	Hendrick	————— —————	24
Feb. 8, 1754	Benjamin Corsen Marytje Sedam	Maria	————— —————	28
Dec. 25, 1760	Benjamin Corsen	Johannes	————— —————	36



Gertie and Jametie Sedam or Suydam were sisters of Marytje. Again from records of the Reformed Dutch Church of North and Southampton we find that Benjamin Corsen, the second, died on Mar. 19, 1774, aged 55 years and that Marytje or Mary Sedam Corsen, his widow, died Feb. 15, 1792, aged 71 years 3 weeks 4 days. Both are buried in the burying ground adjoining the Reformed Dutch Church at Richboro, Bucks County, Pa., where their tombstones can still be seen. (This cemetery was visited by the compiler in 1931, when he was informed by the caretaker that this burying ground had always been known as the Reformed Dutch Cemetery.) In the will of Benjamin Corsen, dated Mar. 3, 1774, he mentions his wife, Mary, and sons, Cornelius, Henry, John, Ryck, Abraham; daughters, Mary, Jamite Kroesen. Letters of administration were granted to the widow, Mary, and sons, Benjamin and Ryck.

In the records of this family are again conclusive proofs of Dutch ancestry. It is very improbable that Benjamin Corsen would have given his children such typical Dutch names or would have used a Dutch Bible if of French Huguenot descent. There are probably few American Colonial families in which the descendants for five generations have been more loyal (or clanish) to the people of their fatherland. In almost every instance in which a Corssen or Corsen, a descendant of our progenitor, Cors Pieterszen, born in Langeraker, Holland, married, he married a woman of Dutch descent, and just as often all the children of every family were given typical Dutch names. With only one exception, they were all baptised in the Dutch Reformed Church and whether in New Amsterdam, Staten Island, or Pennsylvania, the baptismal records were written in the Dutch language. In all the records of the family for five generations (that have been so generously preserved for us) there is not an authentic one that even gives the least suspicion of Huguenot stock. Notwithstanding the fact that every historian and genealogist that has touched on the subject has claimed French Huguenot ancestry for our family, the writer fears no contradiction to the above statement that can be verified in the records.

531 BENJAMIN CORSEN, III, eldest son of Benjamin Corsen, II, and Maritje Sedam, married Sarah Dungan, the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Oh) Dungan. The following interesting story concerning this marriage was related by Dr. Hiram Corson as told to him by Richard Corson, son of Benjamin, III, and Sarah Dungan Corson. "He (Richard) said that both the Corsons and



the Dungans were considered quite wealthy, as wealth was considered in those days; that the Dungans were accustomed 'to eat from silver plates' and in many ways gave evidence of their comfortable circumstances. It was agreed between the families—the Corsons and the Dungans—that one should give as much as the other towards 'setting out' the young people; but a dispute arose between them with the result that neither family gave anything, at least nothing like a farm, which had been promised to grandmother Dungan, but after the dispute was given to her sister, Hannah, who married Benjamin Marple."

Benjamin, III, and his bride "were therefore compelled to rent a farm, which they did in Dudlin Township, then in Philadelphia County (Keen's farm). Nearly all of their children were born there. Prior to 1800 they moved to Longshore's farm, near Dolington, Bucks County." He afterwards bought a farm in Wrightstown, where he lived until his death, which occurred Oct. 2, 1811. The will of Benjamin Corson, III, is recorded in Will Book No. 8, page 206. (See pp. 15 and 16 in "The Corson Family" by Dr. Hiram Corson.)

Benjamin, III, and Sarah Dungan Corson were the parents of eleven children, five of whom were baptised in the Reformed Dutch Church of North and Southampton. Their children were:

- 5311 BENJAMIN CORSON, IV, married Hannah Whitaker;
- 5312 JOSEPH CORSON, married Hannah Dickinson;
- 5313 THOMAS CORSON, married Sarah Roberts, Jan. 29, 1783; (Second Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia Pa.)
- 5314 RYK (RICHARD) CORSON, married, first, Ann Marple, second, Elizabeth Bennett;
- 5315 MARIA (MARY) CORSON, married William Harvey;
- 5316 ELIZABETH CORSON, married Issachar Morris;
- 5317 RACHEL CORSON, born Feb., 1776, married Paul Blaker;
- 5318 SARAH CORSON, married Matthias Bennett;
- 5319 JANE CORSON, married William Bennett;
- 531:10: JOSHUA CORSON, born Mar. 6, 1780, married Hannah Lee;
- 531:11: AMOS CORSON, born Dec., 1786, married Martha Martindale.

The baptismal records of five of the children as originally recorded in the Dutch language follows:

DATE	PARENT	CHILD	SPONSOR	PAGE
May 30, 1762	Benjamin Corsen	Benjamin	Maritje Corsen	38
July 1, 1764	Benjamin Corsen	Joseph	Marytje Corsen	40
Jan. 11, 1767	Benjamin Corsen	Thomas	————— —————	44
Apr. 23, 1769	Benjamin Corsen	Ryk	Jannetje Corsen	47
Sept. 29, 1771	Benjamin Corsen	Maria	————— —————	52



For a complete record of the descendants of this remarkable family of eleven children, who all lived until the youngest was over fifty years old, and all of whom married and had families, see pages 31 to 144 in Dr. Hiram Corson's *THE CORSON FAMILY*. In the *LINEAGE CHARTS* of the descendants of Capt. Cornelis Corssen, as published in this volume, will be found the complete line of these descendants as given in Doctor Corson's history, with revisions and additions by the compiler.

532 RICK (RICHARD) CORSEN, the second son of Benjamin, II, and Marytje Sedam, married, first, Rachel Knowles, May 21, 1768. (Pa. Archives, 2nd Ser., V. II, p. 53.) She died July 28, 1782, aged 49 years 6 months. There seems to have been no children by the first union. His second wife was Mrs. Hannah Maulsby, a widow, whose maiden name was Davis; she was born Jan. 1, 1743; died June 4, 1807. Richard Corsen died Nov. 14, 1812, aged 69 years. He is buried in the Reformed Dutch Church burying ground at Richboro, Bucks County, Pa. In 1931, when the compiler visited this cemetery, his grave was decorated with the flag of a Revolutionary War soldier. Richard and Hannah (Davis) Corsen had two children:

5321 RICHARD DAVIS CORSON, born Jan. 1, 1785;

5322 HANNAH CORSON, born May 6, 1788.

5321 RICHARD DAVIS CORSON, son of Rick and Hannah (Davis) Corson, studied medicine and after practicing a year in Calcutta, India, returned home and practiced in Buckingham Township. He some time later married Helen Stockton Johnson, of Princeton, N. J., and removed to New Hope, Pa., where he continued his profession. He was a surgeon at Fort Marcus Hook in the War of 1812. Dr. Hiram Corson says of him: "Dr. Richard Corson was more than six feet in height, of commanding presence and courtly manners; he was a most popular physician and a skillful surgeon. In all my life, of more than ninety years, I have never seen a finer, nobler specimen of manhood."

Dr. Richard D. Corson, as a physician, had many students to study medicine with him, who afterwards became prominent doctors and skillful surgeons. Two of these, Dr. William Van Horn and Dr. George Maulsby, became surgeons in the U. S. Navy. Two sons of Dr. Richard D. Corson, Thomas J. and David Ramsay, also studied with their father. Dr. Richard D. and Helen (Stockton) Corson had eight children, named as follows:

53211 CAROLINE CORSON, born 1815, died May 4, 1838;

53212 DAVID RAMSAY CORSON, born 1817, graduated in medicine, died Jan. 29, 1841, in his twenty-fourth year;



- 53213 HARRIET MATHEWS CORSON, married Chas. Foulke;
- 53214 ELIZA PAXSON CORSON, who died unmarried;
- 53215 RICHARD CORSON, died at the age of eighteen years;
- 53216 HELEN N. CORSON, born 1825, died July 20, 1849;
- 53217 THOMAS JOHNSON CORSON, born 1828, died 1879;
- 53218 ROBERT ROGERS CORSON, born May 3, 1831.

The untimely death of four of these eight children is quite a contrast to the family of Benjamin, II, and Sarah (Dungan) Corson, whose eleven children all lived until the youngest was over fifty years of age, all of whom married and left descendants. Following is a short account, as told by Dr. Hiram Corson, of Harriet Mathews, Dr. Thomas J., and Robert R. Corson:

53213 HARRIET MATHEWS CORSON, daughter of Dr. Richard D. and Helen Stockton Corson, married Dr. Charles Foulke, who succeeded to the practice of his father-in-law, Dr. Richard D. Corson, and continued to enjoy an extensive practice until his death in 1871. Their children and grandchildren were:

532131 DR. RICHARD CORSON FOULKE, born Nov. 2, 1843, graduated in medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, and practiced in New Hope, Bucks County, Pa. He married Louisa Van Sant in 1872. Their children were:

5321311 CHARLES EDWARD FOULKE;

5321312 CLARIBELL FOULKE.

532132 EDWARD FOULKE, born Mar. 23, 1847, married Eliza Van Horn of Yardleyville, Bucks County, Pa. They had a son:

5321321 VAN HORN FOULKE.

532133 THOMAS JOHNSON FOULKE, born Mar., 1851, died Sept. 15, 1883.

53217 DR. THOMAS JOHNSON CORSON, the seventh child of Dr. Richard D. and Helen Stockton (Johnson) Corson, studied medicine with his father and graduated at the University of Pennsylvania. For two or three years he practiced in Schuylkill County, then returned to Bucks County, where he practiced for a short time, finally going to Trenton, N. J., where he practiced until his death in 1879. He married Mary K. Steever, daughter of George Steever, of Philadelphia. They had four children, named as follows:

532171 GEORGE ROBERT CORSON, born 1857, died 1859;

532172 CAROLINE STEEVER CORSON, born 1858, died 1875;

532173 HARRIET FOULKE CORSON, born 1862, died 1887;

532174 THOMAS JOHNSON CORSON, JR., born 1869, died 1871.

53218 ROBERT ROGERS CORSON, eighth son of Richard D. and Helen Stockton (Johnson) Corson, married Rebecca J. Foulke. He was a distinguished reformer, taking an active part



in movements for pure politics and municipal reform in the city of Philadelphia. They had no children.

5322 HANNAH CORSON, the only daughter of Rick and Hannah (Davis) Corson, married John Bye. She died Sept. 5, 1833, and was buried in the Friends' Burying Grounds at Buckingham, Bucks County, Pa. They had the following children and grandchildren:

53221 RICHARD CORSON BYE, who married and moved to Illinois; they had children, who died without descendants, as follows:

532211 WILLIAM BYE;

532212 LORENZA BYE;

53222 MERCY BYE, married Isiah Ely. They had one daughter:

532221 HELEN ELY, married Wm. H. Flintcraft and had:

5322211 HELEN FLINTCRAFT;

53223 SUSAN M. BYE, married James L. Wilkinson and had six children:

532231 JOHN WILKINSON;

532232 HENRY L. WILKINSON, married in 1871 and had one child:

5322321 LAURA E. WILKINSON;

532233 ELIAS WILKINSON, who married and had four children;

532234 MARY M. WILKINSON, married E. M. Armstrong, in 1866, and had four children:

5322341 EMMA W. ARMSTRONG;

5322342 ANNA H. ARMSTRONG;

5322343 WILLIAM ARMSTRONG;

5322344 GEORGE ARMSTRONG;

532235 EDWARD M. WILKINSON, died unmarried in 1870;

532236 EMMA BYE WILKINSON.

533 JAMETIE CORSEN, the third child of Benjamin Corsen, II, and Marytje Suydam, married John Kroesen. John Kroesen was the son or grandson of Garrit Kroesen and Arientje Neefies, who had moved from Staten Island to Northampton Township, Bucks County, Pa., as early as 1718. This marriage between the Corsen and Kroesen families is interesting in view of the many intermarriages between the two families on Staten Island. Not much is known about Jametie or her family. Dr. Hiram Corson, in his history, says she lived in Muncy, Lycoming County, Pa. She was mentioned in her father's will as Jamite Kroesen.

534 CORNELIUS CORSEN, evidently the fourth son of Benjamin, II, and Marytje Suydam, married Mary Ann Jones, daughter of Jane Jones. She died Dec. 22, 1800, at the age of 34 years. He was a private in the Revolutionary War, serving with the Northampton Associators, in the Fourth Associated Company of Northampton Township, Bucks County, under Capt. Henry Lott. (See pages 144-5.)

From Dr. Hiram Corson's history we find he had two children:

5341 BENJAMIN CORSON, who died unmarried;

5342 JOHN CORSON, married Mary Lentz of Barren Hill, Whitemarsh Township, Montgomery County, Pa. John and Mary (Lentz) Corson had a child:

53421 MARY CORSON, died unmarried.

After her death, Cornelius' descendants were all gone.

535 HENDRICK CORSEN, born 1754, the fifth child of Benjamin, II, and Marytje Suydam, married Margaret Cornell. Hendrick was a private in the Revolutionary War, serving with his brother, Cornelius, and cousins, Christian, Cornelius, Jr., and Daniel Corsen, in the Fourth Associated Company of Northampton Township, Bucks County, under Capt. Henry Lott. He died Jan. 23, 1792, aged 38 years and is buried in the Reformed Dutch Church burying grounds at Richboro, Bucks County, where his tombstone may still be seen. Dr. Hiram Corson says, he died of obesity and according to tradition weighed over 400 pounds. Hendrick and Margaret (Cornell) Corsen had six children:

5351 CORNELIUS CORSON;

5352 BENJAMIN CORSON;

5353 WILHELMAS CORSON, born Jan. 24, 1780, died June 19, 1869;

5354 RICHARD CORSON;

5355 ALICE CORSON;

5356 MARY CORSON.

5351 CORNELIUS CORSON, no doubt the eldest son of Hendrick and Margaret (Cornell) Corson, married, but the name of his wife was not learned. From information received in questionnaires and from Alan Corson, he had the following children and grandchildren:

53511 BENJAMIN CORSON, born July 11, 1795;

53512 WILLIAM CORSON, married Mary White, no issue;

53513 HENRY CORSON, married Eliza Beams, daughter of Dr. Jesse Beams of Bucks County, Pa., and had seven children;

53514 ISAAC CORSON, married Maria Everett and had:

535141 EDWARD CORSON (died young);

535142 SALLIE E. CORSON, married ——— Gillam;

53515 THOMPSON A. CORSON, married Harriet McKeever Burn;

53516 RICHARD CORSON, married Mary A. Selner;

53517 MARGARET CORSON, married George Hellyer and had children:

535171 JOSEPH HELLYER;

535172 ALICE HELLYER.

53511 BENJAMIN CORSON, the eldest son of Cornelius Corson, born July 11, 1795, married, June 19, 1819, Margaret Scott. She was born Jan. 17, 1796. The ceremony was performed



by Rev. Isaac Hicks of the Southampton Baptist Church. They had four children and three grandchildren:

- 535111 MARY ANN CORSON, born Nov. 10, 1821, died July 23, 1822;
- 535112 CORNELIUS CORSON, born July 13, 1823;
- 535113 JOHN CORSON, died unmarried in middle age;
- 535114 ELLEN or ELLENOR CORSON, born July 17, 1832, married William Brown and had three children:
  - 5351141 MARGARET BROWN;
  - 5351142 AIMEY BROWN;
  - 5351143 AMOS BROWN.

All are deceased.

535112 CORNELIUS CORSON, the eldest son of Benjamin and Margaret (Scott) Corson, married Sally Ann Ryan, born Oct. 12, 1819. They had six children:

- 5351121 MARY ELLEN CORSON, born Sept. 25, 1849, married Harvey Worthington and had a son:
  - 53511211 WILLIAM R. WORTHINGTON;
- 5351122 MARGARET CORSON, born May 2, 1852, died unmarried;
- 5351123 SARAH R. CORSON, married Milton Heller and had children:
  - 53511231 ELLENOR HELLER, died young;
  - 53511232 HUGH HELLER;
- 5351124 WILLIAM RYAN CORSON, born July 9, 1855;
- 5351125 ALICE CORSON, born July 22, 1856, died same day;
- 5351126 CORNELIUS CORSON, died young.

Cornelius Corson, Sr., died Mar. 22, 1900, and Sally Ann (Ryan) Corson, his wife, died in Apr., 1906.

5351124 WILLIAM RYAN CORSON, the fourth child of Cornelius and Sally Ann (Ryan) Corson, married Ida Vanartsdalen. She was born Dec. 3, 1858. They lived at Hartsville, Pa. Ten children were born to them, four of whom died young. The six surviving children were born as follows:

- 53511241 CORNELIUS L. CORSON, born Sept. 4, 1879;
- 53511242 EDWARD L. CORSON, born Nov. 4, 1880;
- 53511243 SAMUEL H. CORSON, born Aug. 26, 1886, married Esther White;
- 53511244 FORREST CORSON, born June 24, 1888;
- 53511245 LILLIAN V. CORSON, born Aug. 8, 1897;
- 53511246 WALTER R. CORSON, born Oct. 27, 1902.

Ida (Vanartsdalen) Corson died June 18, 1928.

53511241 CORNELIUS L. CORSON, the eldest son of William Ryan and Ida (Vanartsdalen) Corson, married Katherine Kerr, born Nov. 25, 1878. In 1931 he was postmaster at Willow Grove, Pa. They had two daughters and a grandson:

535112411 MILDRED CORSON, born Sept. 1, 1905, married, Dec., 1925, Harry Renshaw and have a son:

5351124111 WARREN RENSHAW, born Mar. 12, 1927;

535112412 GLADYS IDA CORSON, born Oct., 1907, married Clyde Heath, June, 1928.

53511242 EDWARD LYONS CORSON, the son of William Ryan and Ida (Vanartsdalen) Corson, married Emma Margaret Hardigan. She was born Sept. 24, 1882. He is a contractor and builder and they live at Tacony, Philadelphia, Pa. They have two sons:

535112421 EDWARD CORNELIUS CORSON, born Sept. 7, 1906, married, May 16, 1931, Celestine Gallion;

535112422 CHARLES HOWARD CORSON, born Jan. 21, 1909.

53511244 FORREST CORSON, the son of William Ryan and Ida (Vanartsdalen) Corson, married, first, Laura Weiss. They had three children:

535112441 FORREST CORSON, JR.;

535112442 ELIZABETH IDA CORSON;

535112443 CARL GARNER CORSON.

Forrest Corson, Sr., married, second, Mary Gantz.

53511245 LILLIAN V. CORSON, the daughter of William Ryan and Ida (Vanartsdalen) Corson, married Alfred Slugg. He was born Oct. 5, 1897. They had two children:

535112451 ELEANOR LILLIAN SLUGG, born Oct. 6, 1919;

535112452 WILLIAM ALFRED CORSON SLUGG, born June 29, 1922.

53511246 WALTER R. CORSON, the youngest son of William Ryan and Ida (Vanartsdalen) Corson, married Mildred B. Lott. She was born Oct. 3, 1905. They had two children:

535112461 JEAN CHRISTENE CORSON, born Aug. 7, 1926;

535112462 CAROLYN M. CORSON, born Oct. 10, 1930.

53515 THOMPSON A. CORSON, the fifth child of Cornelius Corson, married, Jan. 10, 1856, at Forrestville, Pa., Harriet McKeever Burn. They resided at Doylestown, Pa., and had four children:

535151 FRANKLIN PIERCE CORSON, born July 18, 1857;

535152 KATHRYN CORSON, twin, born Aug. 24, 1858;

535153 MARGARET CORSON, twin, born Aug. 24, 1858, died at age of two weeks;

535154 EDWARD FARMER CORSON, born 1860.

535151 FRANKLIN PIERCE CORSON, the eldest son of Thompson A. and Harriet (Burn) Corson, married Leah Reynolds. They had one daughter and two grandchildren:



5351511 ANNIE LEAH CORSON, born June 1, 1887, married Daniel Embon and had sons:

53515111 DANIEL EMBON, born Apr. 28, 1913;

53515112 FRANKLIN EMBON, born July, 1914.

535152 KATHRYN CORSON, twin, daughter of Thompson A. and Harriet (Burn) Corson, married Cyrus Leidig. They resided at Philadelphia, Pa., and had two children. Their record follows:

5351521 EDWARD CORSON LEIDIG, born June 28, 1881, married Apr. 20, 1908, Florence Weikel. They had one child:

53515211 EDWARD CORSON LEIDIG, JR., born May 28, 1909, at Rutledge, Pa., died Mar. 26, 1922;

5351522 HARRIET CORSON LEIDIG, born Dec. 9, 1883, at Philadelphia, Pa.

5351522 HARRIET CORSON LEIDIG, the daughter of Kathryn (Corson) and Cyrus Leidig, married, Nov. 25, 1909, William Frederick Stoltz. He was associated with the Globe Ticket Company as estimator. They resided in Philadelphia, where three children were born. William Frederick Stoltz died June 5, 1932. Their children were named as follows:

53515221 KATHRYN CAROLINE STOLTZ, born Oct. 7, 1910, married Sept. 17, 1938, Robert A. Ledward of Philadelphia, Pa.

53515222 WILLIAM FREDERICK STOLTZ, JR., born Sept. 5, 1911, married, May 19, 1937, Eloyse T. Fleece of Harrisburg, Pa.

53515223 ROBERT EDWARD STOLTZ, born Apr. 1, 1913, was in 1939 a student at Pennsylvania State College.

535154 EDWARD FARMER CORSON, the fourth child of Thompson A. and Harriet (Burn) Corson, married Emily Schell. She was born Jan. 31, 1865, at Philadelphia, Pa., and died May 12, 1931. He died Jan. 22, 1900. They resided at Norwood, Pa. Three children and two grandchildren were born as follows:

5351541 CHARLES SCHELL CORSON, born Jan. 12, 1882, died 1921, married Emmasita Register. He was an artist. They had one daughter:

53515411 EMILY CORSON, born in 1907;

5351542 MABEL CORSON, born Jan. 22, 1887, married Clarence Shaw and had a daughter:

53515421 EMILY CORSON SHAW, born Jan. 10, 1913;

5351543 ALBERT SCHELL CORSON, born Nov. 24, 1890, married at New York City, Apr. 23, 1920, Hazel Manly, born July 25, 1892, at Grand Rapids, Mich., residence St. Davids, Pa., no children.

53516 RICHARD CORSON, listed as the sixth child of Cornelius Corson, married Mary A. Selner. They had three children and six grandchildren:

535161 WALTER A. CORSON, married Lavinia Snyder and had four children:

- 5351611 CLAUDE S. CORSON ;
- 5351612 LEON W. CORSON ;
- 5351613 ANN M. CORSON ;
- 5351614 ESTHER L. CORSON.
- 535162 WILLIAM HENRY CORSON ;
- 535163 SARAH MARGARET CORSON, married George Shaw and had children :
- 5351631 WALTER C. SHAW ;
- 5351632 MARY F. SHAW.

5352 BENJAMIN CORSON, born Aug. 2, 1775, listed as the second son of Hendrick and Margaret (Cornell) Corson, was a farmer in Upper Dublin Township, Montgomery County, Pa. He died Aug. 11, 1854. He married, first, Mary Fabritius, Mar. 24, 1803. She died May 22, 1811, and Benjamin married, second, Jan. 2, 1812, Christina Fabritius, a sister of his first wife. Mary and Christina Fabritius were daughters of Frederick and Margaret Fabritius. Their name was also written, Faverits and Febridge, but Fabritius is said to have been the correct form. Christina died May 2, 1844. Benjamin and Mary Fabritius Corson had three children. They were :

- 53521 MARGARET CORSON, died unmarried ;
- 53522 SUSAN CORSON, married Peter Weaver, and had no children ;
- 53523 ALAN CORSON.

Benjamin and his second wife, Christiana (Fabritius) Corson had two children. They were :

- 53524 AMOS E. CORSON ;
- 53525 MARY FABRITIUS CORSON.

53523 ALAN CORSON, the only son of Benjamin and Mary (Fabritius) Corson, was a school teacher, farmer, and justice of the peace in Lower Providence Township, Montgomery County, Pa. He married, Nov. 15, 1836, Elizabeth Francis, the daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Umstead) Francis of Shannonville, Montgomery County, Pa. They had the following named children :

- 535231 ISABELLA F. CORSON, born Jan. 20, 1838, died Mar. 26, 1924 ;
- 535232 THOMAS FRANCIS CORSON, born Apr. 4, 1840, died May 29, 1902 ;
- 535233 MARGARET CORSON, born June 10, 1845, died Dec. 13, 1848 ;
- 535234 MARY CORSON, born June 4, 1848, died Apr. 30, 1930.

535232 DR. THOMAS FRANCIS CORSON, the only son of Alan and Elizabeth (Francis) Corson, taught school near West Chester, Pa., then engaged in the grocery business for a short time, and finally matriculated in the Medical School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1860. At the breaking out of the Rebellion he left school and was commissioned assistant surgeon. He was



mustered into the 67th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Aug. 1, 1862. He served until after the surrender of General Lee and resigned from the army May 7, 1865.

He re-entered the Medical School and was graduated with the class of 1866, his preceptor being Dr. William Corson, a brother of Dr. Hiram Corson. Dr. Thomas F. Corson practiced medicine for a short time and then went into the drug business at 1212 Montgomery Avenue, Philadelphia. His health failing, he entered the real estate business, which he followed successfully until his death, May 29, 1902. He married Margaret Johnston, May 10, 1866. She was born Jan. 7, 1843, and died Sept. 3, 1870. They had one child:

5352321 JANET CORSON, born Sept. 10, 1868.

He married, second, Edith McPherson of Washington, D. C., Sept. 3, 1874. She was the daughter of Henry H. McPherson and Elizabeth H. Stelle. They had one child:

5352322 ALAN CORSON, born July 13, 1876.

5352322 ALAN CORSON, the only child of Dr. Thomas Francis Corson and his second wife, Edith (McPherson) Corson, was educated in the public schools of Philadelphia, graduating from the Central High School of that city in 1894. He entered the Civil Engineering School of the University of Pennsylvania and was graduated in 1898 with the degree of B.S. in C. E. He was employed by the Park Commission of Philadelphia from 1898 to 1902. He then entered the Survey Bureau but in 1906 returned to the Park Commission and is now their chief engineer. He is a member of the Masonic Order, the Order of Founders and Patriots of America, and other societies. For twenty-five years Alan Corson has taken an active interest in Corson genealogy, and the compiler is much indebted to him for the assistance he has rendered in the research necessary to complete this work. He has been for some time president of the Corson Family Association of Philadelphia and vicinity.

On Dec. 10, 1902, Alan Corson married Lillian Corinne Burton, the daughter of Elwood and Anna Headley (Bailey) Burton. She was born Mar. 31, 1878. They had two sons:

53523221 ALAN CORSON, JR., born July 7, 1904, at Philadelphia, Pa.;

53523222 BURTON FRANCIS CORSON, born Oct. 28, 1909, at Philadelphia, Pa.

53523221 ALAN CORSON, JR., the eldest son of Alan, Sr., and Lillian Corinne (Burton) Corson, after receiving public school



education graduated from the Germantown High School in June, 1923. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in June, 1928, in civil engineering, receiving his B.S. degree in C. E. He has pursued engineering work with the Fairmont Park Commission of Philadelphia, Bell Telephone Company, Pennsylvania Railroad, Barret Company and private work. On June 27, 1935, he married Carol Dengler Wilson, born Mar. 7, 1907, the daughter of William B. and Margaret (Dengler) Wilson. Alan Corson, Jr., is a member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, Sons of Revolution, War of 1812 Society, Founders and Patriots of America, Military Order of Loyal Legion. He is also a member of the Engineers Club of Philadelphia and of the Society of American Military Engineers.

53523222 BURTON FRANCIS CORSON, the second son of Alan, Sr., and Lillian Corinne (Burton) Corson, after completing common school education, graduated from the Germantown High School in June, 1927. He attended the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in civil engineering in June, 1931, B.S. degree in C. E. He pursued engineering work with Fairmont Park Commission and Shell Oil Company. He married, June 3, 1933, Margaret Lorena Dading, born in Philadelphia, Nov. 21, 1909, the daughter of Charles Henry and Charlotte (Wilkinson) Dading. Burton Francis Corson is a member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, Sons of Revolution, War of 1812 Society, Founders and Patriots of America, Military Order of Loyal Legion, and the Engineers Club of Philadelphia.

53524 AMOS E. CORSON, the only son of Benjamin and his second wife, Christiana (Fabritius) Corson, married Mary A. Heydrick, daughter of Abram Heydrick of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia.

535241 SARAH T. CORSON, who married James Van Court, a first cousin; they lived near Fort Washington, Montgomery County, Pa. Sarah T. (Corson) Van Court and her husband, James Van Court, had no children.

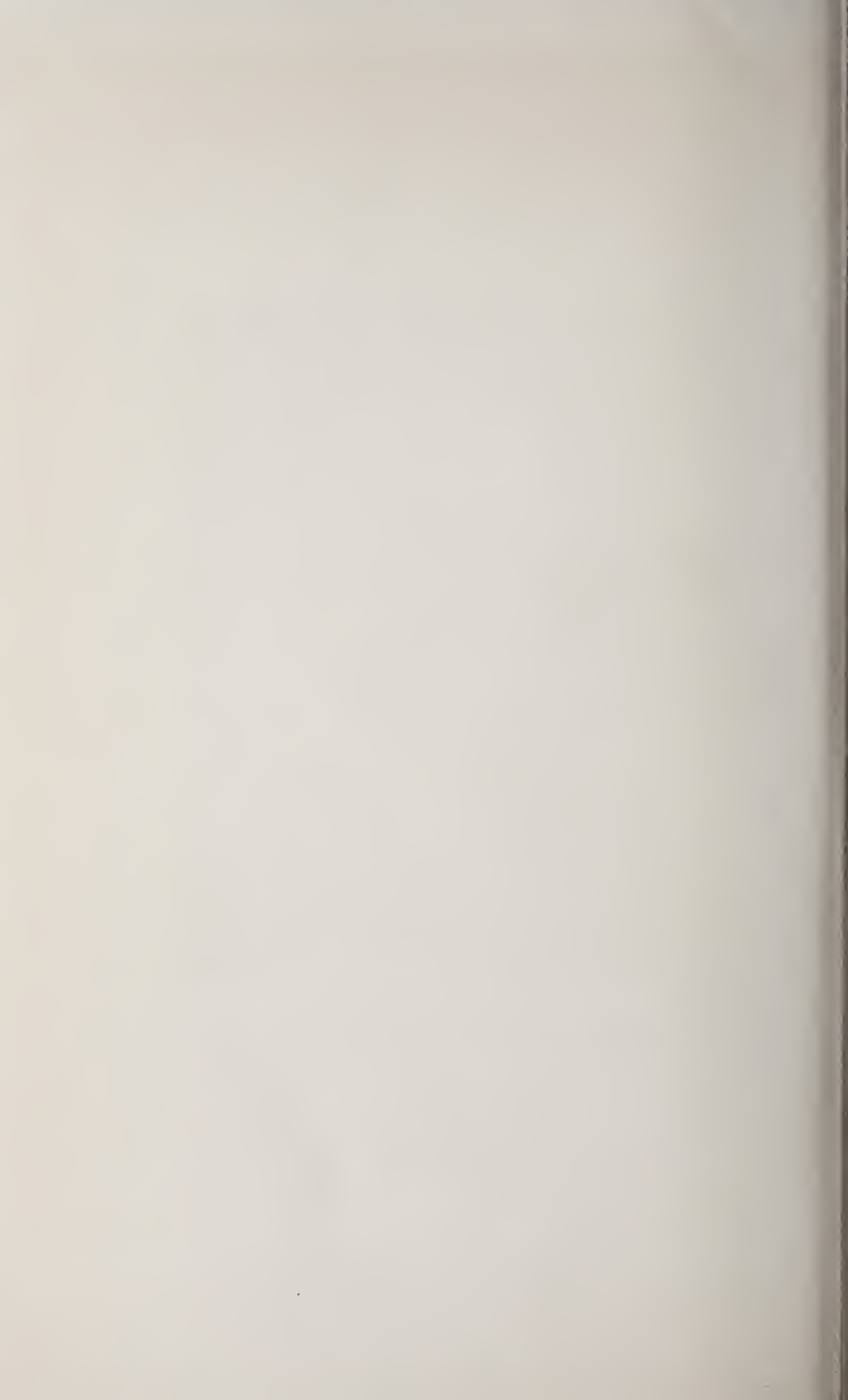
53525 MARY FABRITIUS CORSON, second child of Benjamin and Christiana (Fabritius) Corson, married Charles Van Court. The history of their five children, as gathered from Dr. Hiram Corson's history, follows:

535251 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN VAN COURT, born Sept. 18, 1838, was a civil engineer and conveyancer. He entered the army early in 1862, and was assigned to the Commissary Department of the Army of the Potomac. He was at the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg,





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Gettysburg, and others of less note. He was stricken with typhoid fever at Rappanock Station, returned home, and died Feb. 17, 1864.

535252 JAMES VAN COURT, born Apr. 1, 1840, studied pharmacy and was engaged in the drug business for about sixteen years, retiring in 1882. He married, in 1880, his cousin, 535241 Sarah T. Corson, and they lived near Fort Washington, Pa. They had no children.

535253 EMMA C. VAN COURT was born Dec. 27, 1844, and died in Mar., 1875, of heart disease. She was a beautiful, refined, and intelligent girl.

535254 HOWARD VAN COURT, born Nov. 10, 1848, was connected with the Transportation Department of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company for about fourteen years, and then associated himself with his brother, Horace G., and engaged in the publishing business. He married, Dec. 21, 1871, Sarah E., daughter of Joseph and Hannah Rickert, and they had five children:

5352541 FRANK HOWARD VAN COURT, born Dec. 29, 1872;

5352542 WILLIAM JAMES VAN COURT, born July 1, 1878;

5352543 NORMAN VAN COURT, born July 29, 1880;

5352544 HELEN VAN COURT, born May 3, 1884;

5352545 EMMA VAN COURT, born Nov. 10, 1886.

535255 HORACE VAN COURT, born June 5, 1855, the fifth child of Mary Fabritius (Corson) and Charles Van Court, was associated with the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company for about ten years. In 1882 he entered the publishing business with his brother, Howard, under the name of H. Van Court and Company. In 1884 he married Annie E., daughter of Jacob Craft, of Norristown, Pa. They had one son:

5352551 LEWIS VAN COURT, born Apr. 29, 1885.

5353 WILHELMAS CORSON, the third son of Hendrick and Margaret (Cornell) Corson, was born June 9, 1780. He married Mary Jones, born 1778. They seem to have had at least three children:

53531 SAMUEL CORSON (born 1806), died June 27, 1887, aged 81 years; (Tombstone Record, Reformed Dutch Church Cemetery, Richboro).

53532 JAMES CORSON (Hiram Corson's The Corson Family);

53533 HANNAH CORSON, died Nov. 6, 1848, in the twenty-fifth year of her age (Tombstone Record, Richboro).

5354 RICHARD CORSON, the fourth son of Hendrick and Margaret (Cornell) Corson, married and moved to Ohio. (Dr. Hiram Corson.) Nothing further was learned of him.

5355 ALICE CORSON, fifth child of Hendrick and Margaret (Cornell) Corson, married ——— Van Buren.

5356 MARY CORSON, sixth child of Hendrick and Margaret (Cornell) Corson, married Isaac Bennett. They had one son,

53561 GENERAL JOHN BENNETT, who lived near Johnsville, Bucks County, Pa.

536 MARIA CORSEN, the sixth child of Benjamin Corsen, II, and Marytje Suydam, married Enoch Marple. Their seven children were :

- 5361 DAVID MARPLE;
- 5362 BENJAMIN MARPLE;
- 5363 ELIZABETH MARPLE;
- 5364 JOSEPH MARPLE;
- 5365 ISAAC MARPLE;
- 5366 ENOCH MARPLE, JR.;
- 5367 ABRAHAM MARPLE.

For a list of the descendants of these seven children see the LINEAGE CHARTS, in this volume, and for a more complete history of these descendants see Dr. Hiram Corson's History, pages 26, 27, 28, and 29.

537 ABRAHAM CORSEN, son of Benjamin Corsen, II, and Marytje Suydam, was probably the seventh child. His baptismal record or the year of his birth was not found. From the marriage records of the Old Swedes Church, Philadelphia, it was found that he married Maria Chadwick, Sept. 2, 1784. (Records Old Swedes Church, Vol. 2, p. 326; Penn. Archives, Ser. 8, Vol. 10, p. 339.) In a Release or Quit Claim Deed, given by Abraham and Maria, his wife, to John Corson, Abraham's residence is given as Fredrick County, Virginia. (Rec. Deed Book 26, p. 427, Doylestown, Pa.) This deed recites that Abraham was one of the sons of Benjamin, who by his will dated Mar. 3, 1774, devised  $\frac{1}{8}$  to his son Abraham. The writer was unable to find any information concerning his family.

538 JOHANNES CORSEN, the eighth child of Benjamin Corsen, II, and Marytje Suydam, was born Nov. 28, 1760. He was baptised Dec. 25, 1760. He married Charity Van Sant, Mar. 13, 1783. She was born Oct. 13, 1758. Dr. Hiram Corson, page 17 of his history, says: "John Corson, Esquire John as he was called, resided at the old homestead." In 1823-4, it is said, their children were nearly all swept away by typhus fever. They had the following children:

- 5381 JAMES CORSON, born Mar. 13, 1784;
- 5382 JOHN CORSON, born Aug. 11, 1785;
- 5383 BENJAMIN CORSON, born Mar. 14, 1787;
- 5384 MARY CORSON, born Oct. 15, 1789;
- 5385 JANE CORSON, born Sept. 14, 1791;
- 5386 CHARITY CORSON, born Mar. 30, 1801, died July 13, 1801, buried in the Reformed Dutch Cemetery at Richboro.



John Corson, Sr. (Esquire John), died Feb. 8, 1823, and Charity, his wife, died Feb. 23, 1823. Both are buried in the Reformed Dutch Cemetery at Churchville, Bucks County, Pa., where their tombstones can still be seen.

5381 JAMES CORSON, the eldest son of John and Charity (Van Sant) Corson, married Ann Addis, Feb. 11, 1809. She was the daughter of Enoch (born 1757, died Aug. 5, 1830) and Elizabeth Addis (born 1754, died Mar. 15, 1839) and was born Sept. 2, 1782. James and Ann Corson lived near Churchville, Bucks County, Pa., and had the following children:

53811 THOMAS JAMES CORSON, born Aug. 14, 1810, married Margaret Y. Harman, June 23, 1844;

53812 ELIZABETH ANN BYRON CORSON, born Nov. 17, 1813, married Apr. 7, 1839, John H. Phillips, and had two daughters:

538121 JOSEPHINE E. PHILLIPS, born Apr. 16, 1841, died Mar. 4, 1862;

538122 EMILY VIRGINIA PHILLIPS;

53813 JOHN PICKERING CORSON, born Mar. 2, 1818, died Feb. 17, 1819;

53814 SARAH JANE CORSON, born Dec. 19, 1822, married, Mar. 16, 1850, Rev. Charles S. Downs and had a son:

•538141 JOHN PHILLIPS DOWNS, born Nov. 13, 1853.

James Corson died Nov. 28, 1827, in the 44th year of his age. He is buried in the cemetery at Churchville, Bucks County, Pa. His wife, Ann (Addis) Corson, died at Trenton, N. J., Aug. 29, 1867, four days less than eighty-five years of age.

5382 JOHN CORSON, the second son of John and Charity (Van Sant) Corson, was known as "Teacher John." Dr. Hiram Corson says he "was for many years a teacher in the little log church by the graveyard." He died in the typhus fever epidemic, Jan. 6, 1823, in the 38th year of his age. He is buried in the Reformed Dutch Cemetery at Churchville, Bucks County, Pa.

5383 BENJAMIN CORSON, the third son of John and Charity (Van Sant) Corson, died Sept. 4, 1824, in the 38th year of his age. He is buried in the Churchville Reformed Dutch Cemetery. As far as could be learned he did not marry.

5384 MARY CORSON, the fourth child of John and Charity (Van Sant) Corson, married, Jan. 25, 1810, Charles Finney. He was the son of John and Elizabeth (Jackson) Finney. He died June 8, 1820, and Mary (Corson) Finney, his wife, died Mar. 7, 1823. They had two daughters:

53841 CHARITY FINNEY, born Aug. 17, 1811;

53842 ELIZABETH FINNEY, born Sept. 22, 1815, married Jacob Krusen Cornell, Jan. 7, 1834, and had the following children:

- 538421 MARY ELIZABETH CORNELL, married Charles Vanartsdalen;
- 538422 JANE CORNELL, married Thomas Beans;
- 538423 JOHN CORNELL, married Margaret Stephens;
- 538424 ALICE CORNELL, married Joseph Lesher;
- 538425 KRUSEN CORNELL, married Alice Woodruff;
- 538426 M. HARRIS CORNELL, married Mary Agen;
- 538427 GILLIAM CORNELL, married Jennie Hogeland.

5385 JANE CORSON, the daughter of John and Charity (Van Sant) Corson, married, June 14, 1810, Henry Vanartsdalen. They seem to have had two daughters:

- 53851 CATHERINE VANARTSDALEN, born Apr. 1, 1811;
- 53852 MARY VANARTSDALEN, born Dec. 15, 1815, died Aug. 10, 1816.

Jane (Corson) Vanartsdalen died June 17, 1816, and is buried in the Reformed Dutch Burying Ground at Richboro, Bucks County, Pa.

(The foregoing record of Johannes Corson and his descendants was compiled from Family Record from Bible, 1791, in possession of J. Fletcher Street, Philadelphia, Pa.)



## XXVIII

### LINEAGE CHARTS OF THE STATEN ISLAND CORSONS

DESCENDANTS OF CAPTAIN CORNELIS CORSSSEN, BAPTISED  
APR. 23, 1645, ELDEST SON OF CORS PIETERSEN AND  
TRYNTJE HENDRICKSE AND MARRITJE JACOBS VAN  
DER GRIFT, ELDEST DAUGHTER OF JACOB LEENDERT-  
SEN VAN DER GRIFT AND REBECCA FREDRICKS—  
CORNELIS CORSSSEN WAS THE FIRST OF THE  
FAMILY TO USE THE NAME CORSON AND  
THE ONLY CHILD OF CORS PIETERSEN TO  
LEAVE DESCENDANTS USING THE  
NAME CORSON

- 1 Catherina Corssen, m. Jan Pietersen Staats.
- 11 Marya Staats, bp. Feb. 3, 1689.
- 12 Cornelia Staats, bp. May 5, 1696, m. Jan Veghte.
  - 121 Johannes Veghte, bp. Nov. 8, 1719.
  - 122 Jannetje Veghte, bp. Jan. 24, 1725.
  - 123 Henrik Veghte, bp. Jan. 25, 1727.
- 13 Annetje Staats, bp. June 10, 1700, m. Rev. Cornelis Van Santvoord.
  - 131 Cornelis Van Santvoord, bp. Mar. 8, 1722.
  - 132 Staats Van Santvoord, bp. Mar. 21, 1725.
  - 133 Jacoba Van Santvoord, bp. Dec. 22, 1728.
  - 134 Zeger Van Santvoord, bp. Oct. 7, 1733.
- 14 Jannetje Staats, m. Douwe Van Woggelum, ——— ———.
  - 141 Zuster Van Woggelum, bp. July 19, 1724.
  - 142 Jan Van Woggelum, bp. Sept. 18, 1726.
  - 143 Jan Staats Van Woggelum, bp. Feb. 26, 1728.
  - 144 Cornelis Van Woggelum, bp. June 28, 1729.
  - 145 Catherina Van Woggelum, bp. June 27, 1736.
  - 146 Antje Van Woggelum, bp. Sept. 14, 1742.
- 15 Rebecca Staats, bp. Oct. 22, 1707, m. Jacobus Bakker.
  - 151 Catherina Bakker, bp. Aug. 24, 1729.
  - 152 Nicolaas Bakker, bp. June 30, 1734.
- 16 Catherina Staats, m. ——— Breestede.
  - 161 Johannes Breestede.

- 2 Jacob Corssen, b. 1675, m. Elizabeth Viele.
- 21 Suster Corssen, bp. Mar. 25, 1701, m. Johannes Symonsen.
  - 211 Jannetka Symonsen, bp. Aug. 23, 1724.
  - 212 Elizabeth Symonsen, bp. Oct. 23, 1726.
  - 213 Marytje Symonsen, bp. Apr. 23, 1729.
  - 214 Elizabet Symonsen, bp. Feb. 26, 1732.
  - 215 Johannes Symonsen, bp. Dec. 22, 1734, d. an infant.
  - 216 Johannes Symonsen, bp. June 9, 1742.
- 22 Jacob Corssen, Jr., bp. Oct. 25, 1707, m. Cornelia Croesen.
  - 221 Maria Corssen, bp. Dec. 23, 1739.
  - 222 Cornelia Corssen, bp. Apr. 18, 1743.
  - 223 Jacob Corssen, b. July 22, 1747, bp. Oct. 13, 1747, d. Nov. 6, 1748.
  - 224 Neelty Corssen, bp. Aug. 25, 1751.
  - 225 Liesabeth Corssen, bp. Aug. 7, 1754.
- 23 Rebecca Corssen, m. Jan Blom (mentioned in father's will).
  - 231 Marytje Blom, bp. May 1, 1728.
  - 232 Elizabeth Blom, bp. July 26, 1730.
  - 233 Jacob Blom, bp. Sept. 1, 1732.
  - 234 Johannes Blom, bp. July 17, 1734.
- 24 Douwe Corssen, m. Jannetje Conein (mentioned in father's will).
  - 241 Cornelius Corssen, bp. Feb. 8, 1740-1.
  - 242 Yda Corssen, bp. June 6, 1741.
  - 243 Jacob Corssen, bp. May 1, 1743.
  - 244 Ragel Corssen, bp. Oct. 2, 1755.
- 25 Marytje Corssen, m. Joshua Mersereau.
  - 251 Joshua Mersereau, bp. Oct. 13, 1728.
  - 252 Jacob Mersereau, bp. May 24, 1730, m. Fitye Rol.
    - 2521 Mareya Mersereau, bp. Oct. 31, 1750.
  - 253 Johannes Mersereau, bp. Mar. 26, 1732.
  - 254 Elizabeth Mersereau, bp. Jan. 20, 1734.
  - 255 Paulus Mersereau, bp. ——— (date not recorded).
  - 256 Elizabeth Mersereau, bp. Apr. 18, 1743.
  - 257 Rachel Mersereau, bp. Apr. 22, 1746.
- 26 Benjamin Corssen, bp. Apr. 1, 1718, m. ———.
  - 261 Jacob Corssen, bp. Feb. 10, 1740 (mentioned in grandfather's will).
  - 262 Sarah Corssen, bp. July 18, 1742 (mentioned in grandfather's will).



- 263 Elizabeth Corssen, bp. June 23, 1745 (mentioned in grandfather's will).
- 27 Sarah Corssen, m. Myndert Mynderse (mentioned in father's will).
- 3 Christiaan Corssen, b. 1676, d. 1765, m. Antje Croesen.
- 31 Cornelis Corsen, b. 1702, m. Jannetje Boskirk, b. 1699.
- 311 Marytje Corsen, bp. Nov. 24, 1723, m. Charles Mclean.
- 3111 Elizabeth McLean, bp. May 21, 1744.
- 3112 Jannetje McLean, bp. Oct. 13, 1747.
- 3113 Willem McLean, bp. Sept. 19, 1749.
- 3114 Maria McLean, bp. Nov. 7, 1753.
- 3115 Catriena McLean, bp. July 27, 1755.
- 312 Pieter Corsen, bp. Aug. 13, 1725.
- 313 Christiaan Corsen, bp. Feb. 26, 1726.
- 314 Cornelius Corsen, bp. Feb. 23, 1729, d. an infant.
- 315 Cornelius Corsen, bp. Feb. 21, 1731, m. Nelly ———.
- 3151 Jane Corsen, m. John Poillon.
- 3152 Richard Corsen, m. Margaret ———.
- 3153 Daniel Corsen, m. Cornelia ———.
- 3154 Cornelius Corsen, m. 1st Jane ———, 2nd Louisa Lockman.
- 31541 Richard Corson, m. Henrietta Lockman.
- 315411 Samuel Corson, d. in infancy.
- 315412 Julia Ann Corson, b. June 10, 1823, m. James A. Van Auken.
- 3154121 Edward Irving Van Auken, m. Eleanor Brantingham.
- 3154122 William E. Van Auken.
- 3154123 Louisa Van Auken.
- 3154124 Henrietta Maria Van Auken, m. Edgar N. Jessup.
- 315413 Cornelius Corson, b. Oct. 10, 1827, m. Elizabeth Walker.
- 3154131 Cornelius Creighton Corson.
- 3154132 Henrietta M. Corson.
- 3154133 Percival Sanksey Corson.
- 315414 Mary Louisa Corson, m. 1st William Henry Bowen, m. 2nd Bernard Emile Ullman.
- 3154141 a daughter, died in infancy (by 1st m.).
- 3154142 Percival Glenroy Ullman, b. May 29, 1849, m. Isabelle Sarah Butcher.

- 31541421 Percival Glenroy Ullman, Jr.
- 315414211 Reginald Glenroy Ullman.
- 31541422 Roscoe Tucker Ullman, d. in infancy.
- 31541423 Isabelle Sarah Ullman, m. Rev. Robert Henry Locke.
- 315414231 Robert Glenroe Delacarte Locke.
- 315415 Catherina Eliza Corson, b. July 22, 1832, m. Henry Talbert Metcalfe.
- 3154151 Emily Metcalfe.
- 3154152 Elizabeth Metcalfe.
- 3154153 Henry Metcalfe.
- 3154154 George Metcalfe.
- 3154155 Charles Metcalfe.
- 31542 Jane Corson, m. ——— Simonson.
- 315421 Jane Simonson, m. Robert Brantingham.
- 315422 Mary Ann Simonson, m. John Flake.
- 31543 William Corson, m. ———.
- 315431 Cornelius Corson.
- 315432 Jane Corson.
- 315433 William Leonard Corson.
- 3155 a daughter, m. Joseph Lake.
- 31551 Daniel Lake.
- 31552 Joseph Lake.
- 316 Jacobus Corsen, bp. Oct. 22, 1732.
- 317 Daniel Corsen, bp. Mar. 9, 1734, m. Elizabeth Bogart.
- 3171 Cornelius Corsen, bp. Sept. 17, 1758.
- 3172 William Howe Corsen, b. Nov. 24, 1776, bp. Feb. 25, 1777, m. ———.
- 3173 John Corsen.
- 3174 Daniel Corsen.
- 3175 Richard Corsen, b. Sept. 9, 1787, m. Elizabeth Egbert.
- 31751 Abraham E. Corson, b. Nov. 5, 1803, d. Jan. 8, 1887, m. ———.
- 317511 Joshua D. Corson, b. Apr. 16, 1837, d. July 25, 1918, m. Eleanor ———.
- 3175111 Kohler Corson.
- 3175112 Edward Corson.
- 3175113 William Corson.
- (not 3175114 Abraham E. Corson.
- in 3175115 Joshua D. Corson.
- order) 3175116 Bertram C. Corson.



- 3175117 Mellville W. Corson.
- 3175118 Ella M. Corson, m. ————— Decker.
- 3175119 Carrie L. Corson, m. ————— Vreeland.
- 318 Catherina Corsen, bp. Sept. 19, 1736.
- 319 Antje Corsen, bp. Sept. 23, 1738.
- 31:10 Jannetje Corsen.
- 32 Nieltje Corssen, m. Franz Gerbrants.
- 321 Elizabeth Gerbrants, bp. May 26, 1727.
- 322 Antje Gerbrants, bp. Nov. 11, 1730.
- 323 France Gerbrants, bp. Apr. 19, 1743.
- 324 Daniel Gerbrants, bp. Sept. 16, 1756.
- 325 Naitje Gerbrants.
- 33 Daniel Corsen, b. about 1814, m. Maria Stillwell.
- 331 Richard Corsen, bp. Nov. 7, 1753.
- 3311 Catherina Corsen, bp. Aug. 30, 1789.
- 332 Daniel Corsen, bp. Nov. 7, 1753.
- 4 Cornelia Corssen, bp. Aug. 13, 1681, m. Hendrick Croesen.
- 41 Maritje Croesen, b. Sept. 28, 1698, bp. Dec., 1698, m. Jacob Bergen.
- 411 Cornelia Bergen, bp. Jan. 1, 1729.
- 412 Jacob Bergen, bp. Sept. 23, 1731.
- 413 Cornelia Bergen, bp. Sept. 4, 1737.
- 42 Garret Croesen, b. May 20, 1703, bp. June, 1703, m. 1st Geertruyd Van Tuyl, m. 2nd Classje Brinkerhof.
- 421 Hendrick Croesen, bp. Dec. 3, 1723 (by 1st m.).
- 422 Femmetje Croesen, bp. Sept. 13, 1728.
- 423 Abraham Croesen, bp. Aug. 6, 1732.
- 424 Cornelia Croesen, bp. Aug. 27, 1740 (by 2nd m.).
- 425 Maria Croesen, bp. Apr. 18, 1743.
- 426 Henrik Croesen, bp. June 24, 1752.
- 43 Cornelis Croesen, b. Sept. 7, 1708, bp. Oct. 19, 1708, m. Helena Van Tuyl.
- 431 Henrik Croesen, bp. Oct. 10, 1731.
- 432 Abraham Croesen, bp. July 29, 1733, m. Antje Symon-  
sen.
- 4321 Geertruy Croesen, bp. Sept. 17, 1758.
- 4322 Johannes Croesen, bp. June 14, 1759.
- 433 Cornelius Croesen, bp. Aug. 8, 1736.
- 4331 Cornelius Croesen, bp. Aug. 26, 1759.
- 44 Neeltje Croesen, b. Apr. 1 (or 4), 1713, bp. Apr. 22, 1713.
- 45 Cornelia Croesen, bp. Oct. 30, 1716.
- 5 Benjamin Corssen, b. 1686, m. Blandina Viele.

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DESCENDANTS OF 5 BENJAMIN CORSSSEN AND BLANDINA  
VIELE

- 5 Benjamin Corssen, b. 1686, m. Blandina Viele about 1712.
- 51 Cornelis Corsen, bp. May 4, 1714, m. 1st Ann Van Horn, Aug. 6, 1735 (8 children by 1st m.), m. 2nd Maragritta Neefies, Feb. 16, 1755 (3 children by 2nd m.), m. 3rd Charity ——— (no children).
- 511 Christian Corsen, bp. Apr. 21, 1736, m. Elizabeth Croesen or Cruzer.
- 5111 Antje Corsen, bp. Oct. 30, 1763.
- 5112 Derrick Corsen, bp. Jan. 26, 1766, Sup. m. ——— Laffertse.
- 51121 John Corsen, b. about 1795, d. 1855, m. Nancy Bradt, d. Sept., 1884.
- 511211 Derrick Corson, b. 1820, m. Orpha Sturda-vent.
- 5112111 Eugene Nepelen Corson, b. Feb. 19, 1845.
- 51121111 Frank Eugene Corson, b. Sept. 11, 1877, m. June 9, 1905, Calla D. Watson, b. Feb. 18, 1873.
- 5112112 Samuel Corson, m. Maggie ———.
- 51121121 Flora Corson, d. young.
- 511212 Aaron Corson, m. 1st ——— Monroe (1 child), m. 2nd Mary Green (3 children).
- 5112121 Jack Corson.
- 5112122 Roth Corson, m. ——— and has one son and two daughters.
- 5112123 Rena Corson, unmarried.
- 5112124 Roa Corson, unmarried.
- 511213 Samuel Corson, m. Abbie Luce.
- 5112131 Emma Corson, m. ——— Tyler.
- 51121311 Dana Tyler.
- 51121312 Warren Tyler.
- 51121313 Viola Tyler.
- 5112132 Jay Corson, m. Dencie Copeland.
- 51121321 Grace Corson.
- 51121322 Carl Corson.
- 51121323 Ethel Corson.
- 5112133 Jessie Corson, m. ——— Vorris.



- 511214 Lafferd W. Corson, b. Apr. 23, 1822, d.  
July 5, 1898, m. Mar. 10, 1847, Sarah A. Cul-  
ver, b. Mar. 10, 1826, d. Aug. 19, 1895.
- 5112141 John Corson, d. an infant.
- 5112142 Aden Corson, b. 1850, d. 1905, no issue.
- 5112143 Allen Corson, b. Jan. 22, 1855, m. Eva  
Tuttle, b. July 4, 1877.
- 51121431 Harold T. Corson, b. Apr. 16, 1895,  
m. Lyle ———, b. Nov. 7, 1897.
- 511214311 Catherine Jean Corson, b. Feb.  
12, 1926.
- 511214312 James Allen Corson, b. Feb. 15,  
1932.
- 51121432 Lora Belle Corson, b. Jan. 7, 1903,  
m. June 22, 1926, Oscar Wild.
- 5112144 Alice Corson, b. 1857, d. 1861.
- 5112145 Joseph Corson, born Aug. 10, 1865, m.  
Effie Sands, b. Aug. 27, 1869, d. Feb. 17,  
1931.
- 51121451 Clyde L. Corson, m. June 26, 1917,  
Bertha Tyler.
- 511214511 William Tyler Corson, born Sept.  
9, 1924.
- 51121452 Bernard L. Corson, m. May 4, 1922,  
Gertrude Wilkens.
- 511215 Nancy Corson, m. Tom Luce.
- 5112151 Eva Luce, m. ——— Tuttle.
- 5112152 Dora Luce, m. ——— McNutt.
- 51121521 Dora McNutt.
- 511216 Harriet Corson, d. young.
- 511217 Lester Corson, d. young.
- 5113 Maria Corsen, bp. Mar. 12, 1769.
- 5114 Willementje Corsen, bp. Aug. 2, 1773.
- 512 Blandina Corsen, bp. Mar. 26, 1737.
- 513 Willemyntje Corsen, bp. Feb. 24, 1740.
- 514 Marytje Corsen, bp. May 23, 1742.
- 515 Jamite Corsen, bp. July 17, 1744.
- 516 Antje Corsen, bp. Dec. 26, 1746, m. Jan. 22, 1766,  
William Maynard.
- 5161 Cornelius Maynard.
- 5162 Ann Maynard.
- 5163 Elizabeth Maynard.

- 517 Benjamin Corsen, bp. Apr. 13, 1749.
- 518 Cornelis Corsen, bp. June 16, 1751, m. Catrina Hegeman.
- 5181 Hendrick Corsen, bp. June 14, 1778.
- 5182 Christian Corsen, bp. June 14, 1778.
- 5183 Johannes Corsen, bp. June 14, 1778.
- 5184 Willem Corsen, bp. June 14, 1778.
- 5185 Caty Corsen, bp. 1780.
- 519 Daniel Corsen, bp. Feb. 22, 1756, d. May 9, 1816, m. Jan. 22, 1780, Prudence Carter, b. Dec. 27, 1755, d. Dec. 6, 1840.
- 5191 Lott Corson, b. Dec. 14, 1782, bp. Mar. 3, 1782-3, d. Oct. 2, 1824, m. Susannah Olliver.
- 51911 Mary Corson, b. ———, d. Feb. 14, 1827.
- 51912 Prudence Corson, b. ———.
- 51913 William Corson, b. ———. (order  
not  
certain)
- 51914 Daniel Corson, b. ———.
- 51915 Andy Corson, b. ———.
- 5192 Sarah Corson, b. Oct. 22, 1784, d. June 1, 1828, m. ——— Gillespie.
- 5193 Mary Corson, b. Feb. 28, 1786, d. Apr. 30, 1831.
- 5194 Letitia Corson, b. Feb. 20, 1788, d. Oct. 29, 1789.
- 5195 John Corson, b. Nov. 3, 1790, d. Feb. 19, 1863, m. Jan. 19, 1815, Margaret Durham.
- 51951 James D. Corson, b. Nov. 13, 1815, d. Nov. 11, 1895, m. Louise Barnett.
- 51952 Sarah Ann Corson, b. Apr. 17, 1817, d. June 21, 1906, m. Bethuel Vincent Thomas.
- 519521 Eliza Thomas, b. 1842, m. Elye Hancock.
- 519522 Margaret Thomas, b. Feb. 12, 1844, d. Apr. 2, 1909.
- 5195221 Florence Siebert, d. in infancy.
- 5195222 Clara Siebert, b. May 17, 1868, m. Highley Morris, no issue.
- 5195223 Hester Nora Siebert, b. June 5, 1870, m. Feb. 27, 1890, Benjamin Studebaker.
- 51952231 Mary Studebaker, b. Dec. 29, 1893, m. Dec. 31, 1919, Walter Alexander.
- 519522311 Eleanor Alexander, b. Apr. 26, 1923.
- 51952232 Helen M. Studebaker, b. Mar. 27, 1895, unmarried.



- 51952233 Susannah Studebaker, b. Apr. 11,  
1896, m. Feb. 16, 1920, Walter Jeffries.
- 519522331 Robert Jeffries, b. Feb. 26, 1926.
- 51952234 Frank Studebaker, b. May 8, 1899,  
d. June 29, 1915.
- 5195224 Elizabeth Siebert, d. in infancy.
- 5195225 Olive Siebert, b. Feb. 1872, m. Sept. 13,  
1892, Ivan J. Dove.
- 51952251 Miriam Dove, b. Feb. 27, 1894, m.  
David Cathcart, no issue.
- 51952252 Mabel Jane Dove, b. Feb. 8, 1896,  
m. June 16, 1917, Philip G. King.
- 519522521 Malcolm Stuart King, b. Dec. 28,  
1918.
- 519522522 Robert Galen King, b. July 14,  
1920.
- 519522523 Donald Jack King, b. June 18,  
1922.
- 519522524 Gregor Wayne King, b. May 28,  
1926.
- 51952253 Kendall Ruth Dove, b. Sept. 21,  
1898.
- 51952254 Sarah Margaret Dove, b. Oct. 2,  
1906, m. George Skelly.
- 519522541 Ruth Georgine Skelly, b. Aug. 6,  
1926.
- 519522542 George Francis Skelly, b. Nov.  
23, 1934.
- 5195226 Sarah Minerva Siebert, b. Dec. 24, 1874,  
m. 1st Luke French, 2nd Thomas Noe.
- 51952261 Kathleen French, b. Aug. 25, 1891,  
m. June 26, 1912, Chester Wehrley.
- 519522611 Hilda Margaret Wehrley, b. Jan.  
27, 1913, m. May 29, 1933, Edwin Jones.
- 5195226111 John Arthur Jones, b. Jan. 15,  
1934.
- 5195226112 Infant, b. Aug. 7, 1936.
- 519522612 Sarah Alice Wehrley, b. Jan. 9,  
1919.
- 519522613 Richard Wehrley, b. Feb. 24,  
1921.

- 519522614 George W. Wehrley, b. Feb. 22, 1923.
- 519522615 Martha Joan Wehrley, b. Mar. 14, 1929.
- 519522616 Marjorie Wehrley, b. Mar. 15, 1931.
- 51952262 Thomas Noe, b. Aug. 13, 1902, m. Mar. 31, 1924, Janice Isabelle Goodwin.
- 519522621 Thomas Allen Noe, b. Feb. 1, 1925.
- 519522622 Barbara Ann Noe, b. Sept. 27, 1927.
- 519522623 Elmer Eugene Noe, b. Feb. 24, 1930.
- 51952263 Martha Noe, b. Aug. 15, 1904.
- 5195227 Mary Siebert, b. Apr. 6, 1880, d. 1901.
- 519523 Nancy Thomas, b. Nov. 19, 1846, d. Jan. 12, 1929, m. 1st, 1867, Robert Sharp, m. 2nd Nov. 19, 1875, Thomas Antrim.
- 5195231 Sarah Elizabeth Sharp, b. Oct. 5, 1868, d. Mar. 23, 1869.
- 5195232 Eunice Gwin Sharp, b. Aug. 7, 1869, m. Sept. 12, 1889, George C. Ehrnschwender.
- 51952321 Karl Sharp Ehrnschwender, b. June 6, 1890.
- 51952322 Hilda Margaredth Ehrnschwender, b. Mar. 12, 1895, m. Mahlon B. Sparks.
- 5195233 Kratrice Sharp, b. Jan. 7, 1872, d. Aug. 11, 1872.
- 5195234 Eliza Eleanora Sharp, b. July 25, 1873, d. Sept. 9, 1873.
- 5195235 William Bethuel Sharp, b. Aug. 23, 1874, d. Nov. 27, 1884.
- 5195236 Katie L. Antrim, b. Nov. 5, 1876, m. Oct. 25, 1894, Harry E. Cornthwaite.
- 51952361 Forest Vincent Cornthwaite, b. Jan. 18, 1896, m. Mar. 11, 1926, Nelle Blaut.
- 51952362 Anita Lillian Cornthwaite, b. Oct. 13, 1904, m. Apr. 12, 1924, Harold V. Bourne.
- 519523621 Betty Jane Bourne, b. Apr. 8, 1926.
- 519523622 Janet Jean Bourne, b. Aug. 6, 1929.



- 5195237 Florence Geraldine Antrim, b. Oct. 5, 1879, d. Nov. 19, 1896.
- 51953 Daniel S. Corson, b. Nov. 18, 1818, d. Feb. 13, 1905, m. Nov. 9, 1847, Sarah Macy.
- 519531 John Marselus Corson, b. Sept. 13, 1848, d. Dec. 18, 1913, m. Mar. 18, 1891, Katie Britton.
- 5195311 Marshall Corson, b. June 24, 1892, m. Jannette Beckett.
- 51953111 Robert Marselus Corson, b. May 31, 1915, m. Sept. 3, 1938, Betty Schaerges.
- 519532 Dr. Orrillus Mellville Corson, b. Feb. 6, 1852, d. July 10, 1930, m. Dec. 14, 1882, Marie A. Voss.
- 5195321 Orville Corson, b. Sept. 16, 1883, m. July 8, 1908, Louise Weinman.
- 51953211 Catherine Marie Corson, b. Oct. 16, 1909, m. Apr. 11, 1934, Alfred C. Maier.
- 51953212 Ruth Elizabeth Corson, b. Aug. 31, 1911.
- 51953213 Helen Vera Corson, b. Oct. 6, 1912, m. Mar. 24, 1924, Willard P. Loomis.
- 519532131 Nancy Elizabeth Loomis, b. Feb. 15, 1936.
- 519532132 Willard Corson Loomis, b. May 29, 1937.
- 5195322 Lester Voss Corson, b. Sept. 20, 1885, m. Apr. 16, 1914, Letha May Long.
- 5195323 Daniel Stanley Corson, b. Aug. 4, 1890, m. Apr. 18, 1914, Nelle Winstead.
- 51953231 Daniel Winstead Corson, b. Feb. 20, 1915.
- 51953232 William Louis Corson, b. Mar. 23, 1918.
- 519533 Laura Jane Corson, b. Aug. 6, 1855, d. Aug. 25, 1904.
- 519534 Mary Elizabeth Corson, b. Apr. 12, 1858, d. July 18, 1917.
- 51954 William Corson, b. Nov. 16, 1820, d. 1885, m. 1st —————, 2nd Melissa (Campbell) Miller.
- 519541 John Corson.

- 519542 William Alonzo Corson, b. Oct. 15, 1872,  
m. Elsia B. Schmidt.
- 5195421 William Phillip Corson, b. Feb. 28, 1910,  
m. Pauline Hoskins.
- 519543 Laura Corson, b. Sept. 2, 1874.
- 51955 Margaret Corson, b. July 9, 1823, d. Sept. 11,  
1824.
- 51956 Dr. John Corson, b. June 29, 1825, d. June 19,  
1885, m. Caroline Martin.
- 519561 Elizabeth Corson, m. 1891 Vermont C. Hat-  
field.
- 519562 Emma Corson, b. June 19, 1859, d. Sept. 15,  
1859.
- 519563 Caroline Corson, b. Mar. 10, 1861, d. Oct.  
5, 1865.
- 519564 Evaline Corson, b. Mar. 10, 1861, d. Mar.  
17, 1861.
- 519565 Louella Corson.
- 519566 Mary Olive Corson, b. Aug., 1867, d. 1920.
- 51957 Mary Jane Corson, b. Sept. 3, 1829, d. Sept. 4,  
1888, m. ——— Hune.
- 519571 Lottie Hune.
- 51958 Richard Corson, b. Feb. 14, 1831, d. June 21,  
1909, m. Dec. 20, 1870, Sarepta Shurte.
- 519581 A son stillborn.
- 519582 John Edmund Corson, b. July 31, 1873, d.  
Aug. 12, 1879.
- 519583 Joseph Henderson Corson, b. Mar. 17, 1875,  
d. Aug. 1, 1875.
- 519584 Anna Mabel Corson, b. Dec. 10, 1876, d.  
June 16, 1893.
- 519585 Zella Marguerite Corson, b. Dec. 7, 1878.
- 51959 Wilson Corson, b. Oct. 30, 1835, d. May 13,  
1890, m. Mattie Sipe.
- 5196 Richard Corson, b. Dec. 12, 1792, d. ———,  
m. Mary Lusher.
- 51961 Mary Corson, m. ——— James.
- 519611 A boy, name unknown.
- 519612 A girl, name unknown.
- 51962 George L. Corson, b. Sept., 1817, d. June 8,  
1835.
- 51963 John Corson.



- 51964 Henry Corson.
- 51965 William Corson.
- 51966-7-8-9 Probably other children, names unknown.
- 5197 Daniel Corson, Jr., b. Feb. 22, 1797, d. Dec. 11, 1861, m. Hannah Armstrong.
- 51971 Infant stillborn July, 1822.
- 51972 William Corson, b. Dec. 3, 1823, d. Nov. 29, 1893, m. Elizabeth McBurney.
- 519721 Hannah Laura Corson, b. Mar. 8, 1850, d. Dec. 28, 1925.
- 519722 Oscar Taylor Corson, b. May 3, 1857, d. Apr. 14, 1928, m. Aug. 2, 1881, Ella M. Jacoby.
- 51973 Eliza Ann Corson, b. Sept. 10, 1831, d. June 24, 1888.
- 51974 John Ross Corson, b. Feb. 24, 1834, d. Dec. 16, 1898, m. Apr. 29, 1858, Eliza A. McBurney.
- 519741 James Corson, b. July 8, 1868, d. Jan. 16, 1829, m. 1st Stella Falk (3 children), m. 2nd Harriet Webb.
- 5197411 Arnold Ray Corson, b. Jan. 26, 1894, m. Dec. 25, 1920, Erma Hazel Zilliox.
- 51974111 Arnold Ray Corson, Jr., b. Mar. 14, 1922.
- 5197412 Henrietta Corson, b. June 12, 1897, m. June 26, 1920, Clifford Frederick Niederman.
- 51974121 James Corson Niederman, b. Nov. 27, 1926.
- 5197413 Mary Corson, b. June 2, 1902, m. June 27, 1925, Robert C. DeLong.
- 519742 Catherine Corson, m. ——— Parks.
- 519743 Thomas Harry Hall Corson, b. May 6, 1872, d. Nov. 30, 1937, m. Oct. 15, 1907, Lula May Blanchard.
- 5197431 and
- 5197432 Twins, dying in infancy.
- 5197433 Edward Harry Corson, b. Feb. 21, 1910, m. July 23, 1934, Gwendlyn Oberlin.
- 5197434 James Thomas Corson, b. Sept. 30, 1911.
- 5197435 Ruth Eliza Corson, b. Feb. 16, 1913, m. Curtis Ray Hovis.
- 5197436 Grace Corson, b. Oct. 13, 1916, d. Dec. 31, 1918.

- 5197437 Mary Louise Corson, b. Dec. 25, 1920.
- 51:10: Sarah Corson, bp. Jan. 22, 1758, d. ——— (probably before 1774).
- 51:11: John Corson, b. Sept. 16, 1759, m. Nov. 8, 1787, Deborah (Engle) Duffield.
- 51:11:1 Jacob Corson, b. May 24, 1788, d. Aug. 12, 1821.
- 51:11:2 Margaret Corson, b. Sept. 13, 1789, d. Aug. 4, 1825, m. Mar. 17, 1814 Benjamin Hogeland.
- 51:11:21 Jacob Lazalere Hogeland, b. Feb. 21, 1815.
- 51:11:22 Mary Hogeland, b. Nov., 1816, m. Abraham Lukens.
- 51:11:3 Amos Corson, b. Nov. 24, 1791, d. Aug., 1836, m. Mar. 20, 1820, Hannah Wilmerton Neff.
- 51:11:31 Hester Corson, b. Feb. 10, 1821, d. Feb. 27, 1825.
- 51:11:32 John G. Corson, b. Oct. 5, 1822, d. Feb. 8, 1871.
- 51:11:33 Eleanor Neff Corson, b. Jan. 21, 1825, d. June 10, 1911, m. William Kemp.
- 51:11:331 William Radley Kemp, b. Nov. 19, 1858, m. Jennie Downing.
- 51:11:3311 Eleanor Neff Kemp, b. May 27, 1893.
- 51:11:3312 Edith Radley Kemp, b. Sept. 28, 1894, m. Caesar C. Zitske.
- 51:11:3313 Marian Radley Kemp, b. Dec. 9, 1896, m. Feb. 2, 1916, John Franklin Maile.
- 51:11:33131 Marian Elizabeth Maile, b. Mar. 4, 1917.
- 51:11:332 Mary Eleanor Kemp, b. Feb. 2, 1861, d. Feb. 22, 1928.
- 51:11:34 Rufus Tyler Corson, b. Dec. 17, 1826, d. Aug. 17, 1884, m. Caroline Watts Thornton.
- 51:11:341 Robert Thornton Corson, b. Jan. 31, 1858, d. Aug. 19, 1921, m. 1st Eliza O. Deal, July 1, 1878, m. 2nd June, 1920, Anna May Dyer.
- 51:11:3411 Caroline Corson, b. Apr. 24, 1879, d. July 19, 1879.
- 51:11:3412 Mabel Corson, b. May 21, 1882.
- 51:11:3413 Stephen Corson, b. Apr. 30, 1884, m. July 19, 1920, Mary Agnes Gerety.



- 51:11:3414 Rudolph Neff Corson, b. Oct. 13, 1892, m. Jan. 7, 1919, Marguerite Emma Child.
- 51:11:34141 Mary Child Corson, b. July 29, 1923, d. Aug. 7, 1923.
- 51:11:34142 Marguerite Child Corson, b. Mar. 15, 1925.
- 51:11:3415 Laurence Corson, b. Dec. 30, 1894, m. Sept. 22, 1920, Alice Frances Bennington.
- 51:11:3416 Theodore Corson, b. Jan. 12, 1902, m. Sept. 28, 1925, Clarissa Markley Green.
- 51:11:342 Charles G. Corson, b. Apr. 25, 1860.
- 51:11:35 Henry B. Corson, b. Nov. 30, 1828, d. Mar. 26, 1913, m. Maria Shoch.
- 51:11:351 Eleanore Neff Corson, b. Apr. 1, 1850, d. May 16, 1922, m. Edward Simpson.
- 51:11:3511 Joseph Simpson, b. Aug. 16, 1869, m. Jane Mair.
- 51:11:35111 Abner Simpson, b. Dec. 26, 1893, m. Mable Twelves.
- 51:11:351111 Wayne Edgar Simpson, b. Mar. 12, 1916.
- 51:11:351112 Ruth Eleanor Simpson, b. Feb. 20, 1917.
- 51:11:351113 Mable Daisy Simpson, b. Sept. 2, 1919.
- 51:11:351114 Alice Jane Simpson, b. Feb., 1924.
- 51:11:35112 Edward Elmer Simpson, b. May 26, 1899.
- 51:11:3512 Edward Livingston Simpson, b. Sept. 8, 1871, m. Florence Viola Knorr.
- 51:11:35121 Sarah Ellen Simpson, b. Sept. 12, 1893, m. Raymond Klinkers.
- 51:11:351211 Eleanore Klinkers.
- 51:11:35122 Erma Viola Simpson, b. Oct. 2, 1896, m. Frederick Hogan.
- 51:11:35123 Elmer Howard Simpson, b. Sept. 1, 1898.
- 51:11:35124 Dortha May Simpson, b. May 6, 1905.

- 51:11:35125 Florence Simpson, b. Mar. 4, 1913.
- 51:11:3513 Henry Corson Simpson, b. Mar. 20, 1873, m. Grace Pepper.
- 51:11:35131 Russell Simpson, b. July 10, 1896, m. Sept. 30, 1916, Marian Averell.
- 51:11:351311 Corson Simpson, b. Aug. 31, 1918.
- 51:11:351312 Russell Thomas Simpson, b. Nov. 8, 1920.
- 51:11:3514 Mary Daisy Simpson, b. May 25, 1876, m. 1st William Wristler (2 children), m. 2nd James Armond.
- 51:11:35141 Ethel Wristler, b. Sept. 4, 1903.
- 51:11:35142 Mabel Wristler, b. Jan. 15, 1905.
- 51:11:3515 Charles Smith Simpson, b. Jan. 3, 1879, m. Katherine E. Kunz.
- 51:11:3516 Clara Selena Simpson, b. Apr. 20, 1881.
- 51:11:352 John Corson, b. 1852, m. 1st Jennie Thatcher (2 children), m. 2nd Anna Hughs.
- 51:11:3521 August Corson.
- 51:11:3522 Wesley Corson.
- 51:11:353 Mary Corson, b. 1854, m. 1st Frank Blakey (2 children), m. 2nd Friend Lodge.
- 51:11:3531 Amber Blakey, b. 1879, m. Mae Mullin.
- 51:11:35311 Phillip Blakey, b. 1911.
- 51:11:35312 Donald Blakey, b. 1915.
- 51:11:3532 Frank Blakey, b. 1881.
- 51:11:354 Harry Independence Corson, b. July 4, 1854, m. 1st Margaret Dobson (6 children), m. 2nd Hester Neff Corson Deal.
- 51:11:3541 Alice Pollard Corson, b. 1889, m. John Heck.
- 51:11:3542 May Blossom Corson, b. 1892, m. Joseph Wolfhart.
- 51:11:35421 Joseph Wolfhart, Jr.
- 51:11:3543 Ethel Margaret Corson, b. 1894, m. Harry Hipwell.
- 51:11:3544 Harold Homer Corson, b. 1896, m. Margaret Cavanaugh.



- 51:11:35441 Harold Corson, b. Aug. 11, 1924.
- 51:11:35442 Earl Corson, b. Dec. 11, 1926.
- 51:11:355 Gardner Fulton Corson, b. 1859, m. Clara Scattergood.
- 51:11:3551 Irene Corson, b. 1889.
- 51:11:3552 Edna Corson, b. 1893.
- 51:11:356 Lily Corson, b. 1869, d. 1917, m. Frank Fowler.
- 51:11:3561 Horace Fowler, b. 1902.
- 51:11:3562 George Fowler, b. 1905.
- 51:11:3563 James Fowler, b. 1909.
- 51:11:36 William Austin Corson, b. Nov. 11, 1830, d. Oct. 23, 1908, m. June 15, 1853, Rachel Ann Shutt.
- 51:11:361 Hester Neff Corson, b. June 20, 1854, m. 1st Charles H. Deal, Aug. 8, 1889, m. 2nd June 18, 1919, 51:11:354 Harry Independence Corson.
- 51:11:362 Sarah Corson, b. Jan. 19, 1855, d. Jan. 20, 1855.
- 51:11:363 Joseph Williams Corson, b. May 22, 1857, d. June 6, 1927, m. May 19, 1880, Ida Elizabeth Henry.
- 51:11:3631 Florence May Corson, b. Aug. 5, 1881, m. Oct. 11, 1904, George T. Phillips.
- 51:11:36311 Ida Elizabeth Phillips, b. Sept. 17, 1908.
- 51:11:3632 Elsie Hester Corson, b. Jan. 30, 1885, m. June 19, 1912, John Lewis States.
- 51:11:36321 Dorothy May States, b. Nov. 30, 1921.
- 51:11:364 Emma Pennsylvania Corson, b. Mar. 21, 1862, m. June 16, 1894, Ernest Johnson.
- 51:11:3641 Hester Neff Johnson, b. Mar. 23, 1895, m. Apr. 18, 1919, Watson W. Wright.
- 51:11:36411 William Watson Wright, b. Jan. 23, 1920.
- 51:11:36412 Hester Neff Wright, b. Feb. 26, 1929.
- 51:11:36413 Barbara Neff Wright, b. June 16, 1934.

- 51:11:365 William Taylor Corson, b. May 13, 1872, m. Feb. 20, 1901, Alice Elizabeth Milburn, d. Apr. 16, 1936.
- 51:11:3651 Rachel Alice Corson, b. June 16, 1902, m. Aug. 2, 1932, Albert E. Epting.
- 51:11:3652 Russel Austin Corson, b. July 16, 1903, m. Sept. 8, 1928, Amy Helen Anthony.
- 51:11:36521 Ann Elizabeth Corson, b. Dec. 17, 1930.
- 51:11:3653 Mildred Elizabeth Corson, b. Feb. 1, 1906, m. Oct. 21, 1935, Edward Croll.
- 51:11:3654 William Earl Corson, b. Sept. 17, 1908, d. Feb. 9, 1909.
- 51:11:37 Rachel Annie Corson, b. Aug. 17, 1832, d. May 22, 1925, m. July 29, 1855, William Teese.
- 51:11:371 Walter A. Teese, b. Mar. 20, 1856, d. Oct. 20, 1856.
- 51:11:372 Mary E. Teese, b. May 14, 1857.
- 51:11:373 Anna May Teese, b. Dec. 30, 1858, d. Jan. 10, 1861.
- 51:11:374 Carrie C. Teese, b. Jan. 13, 1864.
- 51:11:375 William W. Teese, b. Jan. 4, 1866, d. Feb. 20, 1915, m. May 26, 1894, Margaret R. Jarrett.
- 51:11:3751 Walter J. Teese, b. Feb. 28, 1895, m. Apr. 6, 1929, Margaret Davidson.
- 51:11:3752 Jesse W. Teese, b. Sept. 7, 1900, m. Sept. 8, 1923, Dorris Fahringer.
- 51:11:37521 Phillip A. Teese, b. Mar. 12, 1925.
- 51:11:38 Benjamin Corson, b. July 3, 1834, d. unmarried.
- 51:11:4 Rachel Corson, b. Oct. 8, 1793, d. Dec. 26, 1861, unmarried.
- 51:11:5 Benjamin Corson, b. ———, disappeared 1812, probably pressed into Navy.
- 52 Maria Corson, bp. Aug. 13, 1716, m. 1st July 26, 1740, John L. Harrison, m. 2nd 1751, Abraham Bennett.
- 521 Benjamin Bennett, bp. Dec. 3, 1751.
- 522 Saartje Bennett, bp. May 25, 1755.



DESCENDANTS OF 53 BENJAMIN CORSEN AS GIVEN IN  
DR. HIRAM CORSON'S "THE CORSON FAMILY" WITH  
SOME ADDITIONS BY THE COMPILER

- 53 Benjamin Corsen, II, bp. Aug. 3, 1718, d. Mar. 19, 1774,  
m. Jan. 2, 1742, Marytje Sedam or Suydam, b. Jan. 20,  
1721, d. Feb. 15, 1792.
- 531 Benjamin Corsen, III, bp. Mar. 6, 1743, d. Oct. 11,  
1811, m. 1761, Sarah Dungan.
- 5311 Benjamin Corson, IV, bp. May 30, 1762, m. Han-  
nah Whitaker.
- 53111 Sarah Corson, m. Jonathan Sebring.
- 531111 Benjamin Sebring, d. on road to California,  
left wife and daughter.
- 531112 Thomas Sebring, d. in California and left  
four children.
- 531113 Hannah Sebring, d. Feb. 15, 1882, m. Daniel  
Corson, had a son and daughter.
- 531114 William Sebring, d. in Illinois and left wife  
and three children.
- 531115 Rachel M. Sebring, m. Felix DeCosterisan  
and had thirteen children.
- 531116 John Sebring, m. Mary Ann Touts.
- 531117 Robert Sebring, m. Phoebe Reed.
- 531118 Jonathan Sebring, d. unmarried.
- 531119 Joseph Sebring, d. in infancy.
- 53111:10: Rebecca Sebring, m. Daniel Callahan.
- 53111:11: Sarah Sebring, m. Hullings Thomas.
- 53111:12: George L. Sebring, m. Rosanna Thomas.
- 53111:12:1 William Sebring.
- 53111:12:2 Emma Sebring.
- 53111:12:3 Robert Sebring.
- 53111:12:4 Cora Sebring.
- 53111:13: Harriet Sebring, m. Samuel Thompson.
- 53111:13:1 Rebecca Thompson.
- 53111:13:2 John Thompson.
- 53111:13:3 Royal Thompson.
- 53111:13:4 ———— Thompson.
- 53111:13:5 George Thompson.
- 53111:13:6 Westley Thompson.
- 53111:13:7 Otto Thompson.

53112 Robert Corson, b. ———, d. 1865 in Sauk County, Wis.

53113 Rebecca Corson, m. James Davis.

531131 Thomas Davis.

531132 John Davis.

531133 Hannah Davis.

531134 James Davis.

531135 George Davis.

531136 Mary Davis.

531137 Corson Davis.

53114 Rachel Corson, m. John Sebring.

531141 Benjamin Sebring.

531142 John Sebring.

531143 James Sebring.

531144 Thomas Sebring.

53115 Joseph Corson, d. unmarried in Washington, D. C., Apr. 7, 1862.

53116 Hannah Corson, m. William Cox and had 8 children, 3 of whom are:

531161 Mary Cox.

531162 Rebecca Cox.

531163 Robert C. Cox, m. Lydia Ann ——— Cox.

5311631 Henry C. Cox, b. Oct. 31, 1848, m. 1st Catherine E. ———, m. 2nd 1888, Anna Aleck.

53116311 Homer Cox, b. June, 1872.

5311632 Mary Cox, b. Feb. 23, 1851, d. Sept. 11, 1892, m. Feb. 22, 1871, Jacob Richards.

53116321 Leon Richards.

53116322 Nellie Richards.

53117 ———.

53118 Jane Corson, m. John Tallman and had eleven children.

531181 Benjamin Tallman.

531182 Hannah Tallman.

531183 Sarah Tallman.

531184 Elizabeth Tallman.

531185 Deborah Tallman.

531186 Joseph Tallman.

531187 Anderson Tallman.

531188 Thomas Tallman.

531189 Mercy Tallman.



- 53118:10: John Tallman.
- 53118:11: Rachel Tallman.
- 53119 John Corson, m. Elizabeth Bryan and had five children:
  - 531191 Joshua Corson.
  - 531192 Catherine Corson.
  - 531193 Benjamin Corson.
  - 531194 Charles Corson.
  - 531195 Hannah Corson.
- 5311:10: Mercy Corson, m. John Chapman and had seven children, names unknown.
- 5312 Joseph Corson, b. Mar. 15, 1764, d. Apr. 4, 1834, m. 1st 1786, Hannah Dickinson, b. 1763, d. 1810, m. 2nd Eleanor Coulston.
- 53121 Alan Wright Corson, b. Feb. 21, 1788, d. June 27, 1882, m. Nov. 24, 1811, Mary Egbert.
- 531211 Hannah Corson, b. Nov. 25, 1812, m. Aug. 11, 1847, James Ritchie.
  - 5312111 Helen Ritchie, m. George H. Perkins.
    - 53121111 Emily Perkins.
    - 53121112 Howard Perkins.
    - 53121113 Edwin Perkins.
    - 53121114 Joseph Perkins.
    - 53121115 Francis Perkins.
  - 5312112 Emily Ritchie, m. Dr. John Graham.
    - 53121121 Bessie Graham.
    - 53121122 Warren Graham.
    - 53121123 Lorna Graham.
- 531212 Sarah Corson, b. Oct. 13, 1814, m. Feb. 11, 1847, Isaac Garretson, b. Jan. 23, 1810.
  - 5312121 Anna Garretson.
  - 5312122 Mary Corson Garretson, b. Feb. 6, 1849, d. May 16, 1922, m. William Penn Livezey, b. Oct. 3, 1831, d. Sept. 17, 1909.
    - 53121221 Louis J. Livezey, m. Nov. 25, 1896, Elizabeth Sproul.
    - 53121222 Helen C. Livezey.
    - 53121223 Joseph Livezey, m. Apr. 30, 1918, Zilla A. Metz.
      - 531212231 William Oliver Livezey, b. Mar. 1, 1919.
      - 531212232 Joseph Livezey, b. July 4, 1921.

531213 Elias Hicks Corson, b. Feb. 19, 1816, d. Nov. 5, 1877, m. Mar. 13, 1845, Emily R. Harris.

5312131 Henry Harris Corson, b. Sept. 19, 1847, m. Sarah Abraham, b. Dec. 10, 1851, d. Feb. 27, 1927.

53121311 Mary Corson, b. Apr. 5, 1874, d. July 6, 1875.

53121312 Emily Harris Corson, b. Oct. 23, 1876, m. Nov. 2, 1904, John D. Patten, reside Eugene, Ore.

531213121 John Dexter Patten, Jr., b. Mar. 16, 1906, m. Maxine Nelson, b. Nov. 10, 1909, reside Junction City, Ore.

53121313 Margaret Bond Corson, b. Feb. 15, 1880, m. Apr. 25, 1906, John Francis Joyce, b. June 22, 1878, reside Edmunds, Wash.

531213131 John Francis Joyce, Jr., b. Jan. 30, 1909.

531213132 David Corson Joyce, b. June 7, 1911.

531213133 Patricia Corson Joyce, b. Sept. 6, 1914.

53121314 Henry Harris Corson, Jr., b. July 31, 1882, m. June 21, 1912, Margaret G. Bell, b. May 16, 1882.

531213141 Henry Harris Corson, III, b. May 3, 1916, d. June 15, 1918.

531213142 Margaret Van Horn Corson, b. Mar. 24, 1919.

531213143 Barbara Dwight Corson, b. Aug. 26, 1920.

531213144 Geoffrey Alan Corson, b. Aug. 11, 1922.

53121315 Helen Hovendon Corson, b. July 17, 1884, unmarried.

53121316 Walter Egbert Corson, b. Feb. 21, 1887, d. May 21, 1889.

53121317 Katherine Anna Corson, b. Apr. 19, 1889, m. Mar. 24, 1910, Everett Dance Cook, b. Sept. 16, 1888.



- 531213171 E. Margaret Cook, b. Oct. 15, 1911, m. Mar. 1, 1930, George Wishart Fockler, b. Nov. 12, 1907.
- 531213172 Harvey M. Cook, b. Dec. 13, 1913, d. Apr. 3, 1918.
- 531213173 Doris Corson Cook, b. July 17, 1916.
- 531213174 Jean Rosalind Cook, b. Aug. 21, 1921.
- 531213175 Muriel Virginia Cook, b. June 7, 1923.
- 531213176 Joyce Verlenden Cook, b. May 10, 1926.
- 531213177 Katherine Ann Cook, b. July 2, 1928.
- 5312132 George Corson, m. Elizabeth D. Cadwallader.
- 53121321 Charles Cadwallader Corson.
- 53121322 Percy Corson.
- 53121323 George Corson.
- 5312133 Martha Corson, b. Dec. 13, 1856, m. Warren H. Poley, b. Apr. 2, 1856.
- 53121331 Emily Poley, b. Oct. 13, 1887, m. June 15, 1926, Walter Cook Longstreth, b. Feb. 13, 1881.
- 53121332 Corson Poley, b. Nov. 7, 1889, unmarried in 1931.
- 53121333 Irvin C. Poley, b. Nov. 11, 1891, m. 1st Dec. 15, 1917, Frances Lubbe Ross, b. Dec. 2, 1890, d. Oct. 12, 1918, m. 2nd Nov. 29, 1922, Ruth Verlenden, b. July 20, 1890.
- 531213331 Robert Verlenden Poley (adopted son), b. Oct. 27, 1927.
- 5312134 Emily Corson, b. Dec. 13, 1856, unmarried (twin sister to Martha).
- 5312135 Walter H. Corson, b. Oct. 29, 1858, m. 1st Anna Albertson, m. 2nd 1892, Katherine Irene Langdon, d. Feb. 12, 1925.
- 53121351 Bolton Langdon Corson, b. Oct. 27, 1894, m. Carolyn Reeves David, b. Jan. 13, 1908.

- 5312136 Carroll Corson, M.D., m. Helen P. Hillyer.
- 53121361 Hicks Hillyer Corson.
- 5312137 Percy Hillyer Corson, b. Nov. 12, 1861, m. Elizabeth Forbes, b. May 11, 1867.
- 53121371 Donald Forbes Corson, b. Aug. 4, 1889, m. July 20, 1920, ———— ————.
- 53121372 Eleanor Forbes Corson, b. Aug. 22, 1895, m. Sept. 8, 1915, ———— ————.
- 53121373 Martha Forbes Corson, b. Aug. 12, 1901.
- 531214 Luke Corson, b. Feb. 24, 1818, m. Clementine Quinlan.
- 5312141 Alan Corson, b. July 15, 1854.
- 531215 Laurence Corson, b. Apr. 26, 1819, d. May 8, 1872, m. Nov. 20, 1845, Mary A. Johnson, d. Aug. 23, 1867.
- 5312151 Alan W. Corson, b. Aug. 23, 1847, d. Apr. 16, 1916, m. Delia Maguire, b. Nov. 16, 1848, d. Dec. 24, 1916.
- 53121511 Mary Corson.
- 53121512 Burnside Corson.
- 53121513 Norman Butler Corson, b. Jan. 28, 1879, m. Mary A. ————, b. Feb. 28, 1879.
- 531215131 Blanch Marie Corson, b. May 25, 1904, m. July 2, 1926, Russell T. Becker.
- 531215132 Alice Gertrude Corson, b. May 15, 1907, m. July 16, 1927, Clifford Nelson Skidmore.
- 531215133 Mary (Mollie) A. Corson, b. Feb. 20, 1909.
- 5312152 Sarah Corson, m. Robert P. Garsed.
- 5312153 Norman B. Corson.
- 531216 Joseph Corson, b. Jan. 20, 1820, m. June 29, 1843, Martha H. Cutler.
- 5312161 Edward Jenner Corson, b. Jan. 13, 1845.
- 5312162 Florence Corson, b. Aug. 16, 1847.
- 5312163 Frank B. M. Corson, b. Feb. 6, 1855.
- 531217 Martha Corson, b. Apr. 5, 1827, m. Nov. 23, 1848, Isaac R. Styer.



- 53122 Benjamin Corson, b. May 12, 1789, d. early in life.
- 53123 Mary Corson, b. June 17, 1792, m. Charles Adamson, b. Sept. 14, 1791, d. Feb. 5, 1873.
- 531231 Joseph Adamson, d. young.
- 531232 Hannah Adamson, b. Feb. 7, 1820, m. Elijah F. Pennypacker, b. Nov. 29, 1804, d. Jan. 4, 1888.
- 5312321 Sarah C. Pennypacker, b. May 31, 1846.
- 5312322 Caroline Pennypacker.
- 5312323 Elizabeth Pennypacker.
- 5312324 Elijah Pennypacker, Jr.
- 5312325 Margaret Pennypacker, b. Feb. 4, 1861.
- 5312326 Sumner Pennypacker.
- 531233 Sarah Read Adamson, M.D., m. Dr. L. C. Dolley.
- 5312331 Charles Sumner Dolley, M.D.
- 531234 Thomas Adamson, m. Sarah Victoria Wright.
- 5312341 Joseph Adamson, m. 1st Carrie Gleason, m. 2nd Lena Stovell.
- 5312342 Charles Adamson.
- 531235 Charles Adamson.
- 53124 Sarah Corson, b. Dec. 13, 1793, m. 1816, Thomas Read, d. May 8, 1859.
- 531241 Susan Read, b. 1815, d. 1822.
- 531242 Sarah Read, b. Sept. 13, 1819, m. Charles Jones, b. 1811, d. Feb. 14, 1864.
- 5312421 Ellen Corson Jones, m. 1864, David R. Jones.
- 53124211 Eliza R. Jones.
- 5312422 Joseph C. Jones, b. Dec. 5, 1841, d. Feb., 1920, m. Dec. 5, 1867, Emma Wood, b. June 26, 1838, d. May, 1901.
- 53124221 Nellie Jones, d. aged 4 years.
- 53124222 Charles Wood Jones.
- 53124223 Frank J. C. Jones, b. Jan. 29, 1872, m. Oct. 18, 1899, Sara W. ———, b. May 30, 1875.
- 531242231 Florence Alline Jones, b. Aug. 29, 1900, m. Mar. 31, 1923, Dr. Hollister W. Lyon.

- 5312422311 Margery Alline Lyon, b. Jan. 27, 1924.  
 5312422312 William M. Lyon, b. Dec. 6, 1925.  
 53124224 Florence Jones.  
 53124225 Alan Wood Jones.  
 5312423 Martha Corson Jones.  
 5312424 Jonathan Read Jones, m. 1st 1868, Hannah C. Wood (4 children), m. 2nd Mar., 1894, Dora Siedentoft (1 child).  
 53124241 Percy Wood Jones, m. Jan., 1894, Helen Stanton.  
 53124242 Arthur Jones.  
 53124243 Walter Lawrence Jones.  
 53124244 Jonathan Raymond Jones.  
 53124245 Bertram Warner Jones.  
 5312425 Charles Jones, m. 1871, Emma White.  
 53124251 Albert W. Jones, b. Nov. 6, 1871, d. Aug. 27, 1896.  
 53124252 Joseph Jones.  
 53124253 Helen Jones.  
 53124254 William W. Jones.  
 53124255 Ada Jones.  
 53124256 Charles Jones.  
 53124257 Clarence Jones.  
 53124258 Harry W. Jones.  
 5312426 James Cresson Jones, b. 1851, d. 1872.  
 5312427 Sallie Read Jones.  
 531243 Hannah Read, b. Jan., 1822, m. George Schultz.  
 531244 Mary Adamson Read, b. Sept. 14, 1824, d. Feb. 4, 1894, m. Nov. 1, 1849, John Roberts, b. Nov. 8, 1823, d. Dec. 20, 1864.  
 5312441 Elihu R. Roberts, m. Isabella Webster.  
 53124411 Gene Roberts.  
 5312442 Willis Read Roberts, b. Dec. 9, 1854, m. Margaret Jamison, b. June 4, 1856.  
 53124421 Willis Read Roberts, M.D., b. May 1, 1881, unmarried.  
 53124422 Victor Jamison Roberts, b. Jan. 29, 1883, m. Apr. 23, 1912, Edna Swartz.



- 531244221 Victor Jamison Roberts, Jr., b.  
Feb. 14, 1914.
- 53124423 Paul Grier Roberts, b. Nov. 15, 1888,  
m. Oct. 10, 1925, Laura Temple Muir.
- 531244231 Margaret Ann Roberts, b. July 3,  
1927.
- 5312443 Nellie Jones Roberts, d. young.
- 5312444 Joseph Roberts, d. young.
- 531245 Edwin Read, d. in infancy.
- 531246 Louis Warnwag Read, b. July 5, 1828, m.  
1858, Georgine Hurst.
- 5312461 Nina Boreiche Read.
- 5312462 Alfred Hurst Read.
- 531247 Joseph C. Read, m. Minnie Burrins, d. 1889.
- 5312471 Thomas Read, d. in infancy.
- 5312472 Joseph Read.
- 5312473 Daisy Read.
- 531248 Alan Wright Read.
- 53125 Hannah Corson, b. Oct. 23, 1795, d. early in life.
- 53126 Joseph Dickinson Corson, b. Jan. 4, 1799, d.  
Mar. 30, 1857, m. Ann Hagy.
- 531261 Catherine Corson, d. 1849, unmarried.
- 531262 Hannah Corson.
- 531263 Hiram Corson, LL.D., b. Nov. 28, 1828,  
d. June 15, 1911, m. Sept., 1854, Caroline Rollin,  
b. Dec. 30, 1828, d. May 21, 1901.
- 5312631 Eugene Rollin Corson, M.D., b. July 20,  
1855, m. Cora Baker, b. Aug. 6, 1871.
- 53126311 Paulin R. Corson, m. William George  
Coad.
- 53126312 Mildred Wirt Corson, m. Paul Cava-  
naugh.
- 53126313 Eugene Rollin Corson, Jr., m. Alma  
O'Byre.
- 531264 William Corson, d. Oct. 1, 1864, in Ports-  
mouth, Ohio, unmarried.
- 531265 Isabella Corson, m. George Lenzi.
- 5312651 Anna Corson Lenzi, m. Thomas Scott.
- 5312652 William Corson Lenzi.
- 5312653 Maria Blanch Lenzi.
- 5312654 Claribell Lenzi.

- 531266 Clara Corson, m. William Sholl.  
 5312661 Albert Edward Sholl, m. Mary Mills.  
 53126611 Helen Corson Sholl, b. 1890.  
 5312662 Anna McClure Sholl.  
 531267 Humphrey Corson, d. Aug. 19, 1892, m. Ella Bowman of Kent County, Md.  
 5312671 Evelyn Corson, m. Frank Webb Blake of Norfolk, Va.  
 53126711 Mary Corson Blake, b. 1890.  
 5312672 Emma Rubena Corson.  
 5312673 Walter Bowman Corson.  
 531268 Howard Corson, d. Jan. 21, 1870, at Norristown, Pa., unmarried.  
 53127 Charles Corson, b. Jan. 22, 1801, d. May 5, 1878, m. Sarah Egbert, b. Mar. 17, 1801, d. Aug. 23, 1864.  
 531271 Richard Reed Corson, b. Oct. 31, 1825, m. Dec. 28, 1863, Louisa Williams.  
 5312711 Charles Edward Corson, d. unmarried.  
 5312712 Maria Corson, m. 1st William E. Albertson, d. 1901.  
 53127121 Marie Albertson, b. June 6, 1889, m. Arthur Cape Emlen, b. 1883.  
 531271211 Sarah Emlen.  
 531271212 Eleanor Cape Emlen.  
 531271213 Marie Emlen.  
 531271214 Arthur Cape Emlen.  
 53127122 Howard Albertson.  
 53127123 William Lee Albertson.  
 5312713 Louisa Harding Corson, m. Sept. 24, 1896, George Clay Bowker.  
 53127131 Betty Bowker, m. —————.  
 53127132 George Bowker.  
 531272 William Egbert Corson, b. Oct. 3, 1829, m. Jan. 8, 1856, Hannah Highley.  
 5312721 Frank Egbert Corson, m. Rebecca Hughs.  
 53127211 Helen Corson.  
 5312722 Charles Corson, m. —————.  
 5312723 Annie Corson, m. Rev. William T. Way.  
 53127231 —————, a daughter.



531273 George Norman Corson, b. Mar. 11, 1833,  
d. Apr. 12, 1902, m. Sept. 29, 1858, Maria  
Hurst, b. 1834, d. Sept. 22, 1899.

5312731 Georgine Corson, b. 1861, m. J. Sher-  
burn Singer.

53127311 Sherman Singer, Jr.

5312732 Simon Cameron Corson, b. 1863, m. July  
19, 1889, Ann E. Ramey.

53127321 Mary Pauline Corson, b. Sept., 1890.

53127322 David R. Corson, b. Aug. 1902.

53127323 Fred R. Corson, b. Sept., 1904.

53127324 S. Cameron Corson, Jr., b. May, 1907.

53127325 Alfred Read Corson, b. Sept., 1910.

5312733 Rosalie Corson, b. 1865, m. George N.  
Weaver.

53127331 Margaret Weaver.

53127332 A. Hurst Weaver.

53127333 ———, d. an infant.

53127334 George N. Weaver.

53127335 Rosalie Weaver.

53127336 Natille Weaver.

5312734 Harold Corson, b. Oct. 26, 1867, m. 1st  
Carrie Gautier, m. 2nd Mabel Nyce.

53127341 George Norman Corson.

53127342 Mary Louise Corson.

53127343 William Hurst Corson.

5312735 Chalfred Hurst Corson, b. May 11, 1874,  
m. Bertha May Eckhardt, b. Jan. 22, 1879.

53127351 Harold Cameron Corson, b. May 7,  
1906, d. Sept. 6, 1906.

53127352 Emma Livezey Corson, b. July 19,  
1909.

531274 Adelaide Corson, b. Oct. 28, 1834, m. Nov.  
29, 1855, Albert Crawford.

5312741 Joseph Crawford, m. Mary Nager.

53127411 Anna Crawford.

53127412 Joseph Crawford.

5312742 J. Norman Crawford, m. Josephine Rit-  
tenhouse.

53127421 Bessie Francis Crawford.

53127422 Adelaide Corson Crawford, m. ———  
Fox.

- 53127423 Norman Crawford.
- 5312743 Sarah Corson Crawford, d. Aug. 8, 1896,  
m. Wallace B. Henderson.
- 53127431 Joseph Crawford Henderson.
- 53127432 Allen Traquir Henderson.
- 5312744 Mary Francis Crawford, m. Hester  
Tyson.
- 531275 Susan Rogers Corson, b. Dec. 9, 1836, d.  
Jan. 30, 1905, m. Jan. 1, 1857, Felix Francis  
Highley, b. Aug. 1, 1832, d. 1911.
- 5312751 Albert Crawford Highley, b. Mar. 22,  
1858, d. Mar. 30, 1870.
- 5312752 Ione Highley, m. H. L. Evert.
- 53127521 H. L. Evert, Jr., m. ——— ———  
and had 3 children.
- 5312753 George Norman Highley, M.D., b. Aug.  
13, 1859, m. June 1, 1887, Mary Wood Wil-  
son.
- 53127531 Albert Wilson Highley, b. 1888, d.  
May 23, 1893.
- 53127532 Annie Wilson Highley, b. Apr. 4,  
1893.
- 53127533 Charles Corson Highley, b. June 8,  
1895, m. twice and had a son.
- 5312754 Charles Corson Highley, b. Feb. 23,  
1862, m. 1st Nov. 30, 1898, Eliza Moore  
Winter, b. Apr. 19, 1870, d. Jan. 1, 1905,  
m. 2nd June 17, 1908, Aida Thomas Evans,  
b. Feb. 20, 1876.
- 53127541 R. Winter Highley, b. Dec. 19, 1899,  
m. Jan. 1, 1931, Bessie May Lugg.
- 53127542 George Norman Highley, b. Mar. 19,  
1910, at Malvern, Pa.
- 53127543 Lydia Evans Highley, b. Oct. 7,  
1913, at Malvern, Pa.
- 5312755 Sarah Corson Highley, b. Oct. 8, 1863,  
m. George Meade Holstein.
- 53127551 Abby Fou Albade Holstein, b. July  
19, 1893.
- 53127552 George Meade Holstein, Jr., b. Mar.  
9, 1895.



- 53127553 Francis Highley Holstein, b. July 16, 1896.
- 53127554 Anna Holstein.
- 5312756 Nannie Pawling Highley, b. May 5, 1873.
- 531276 John Jacobs Corson, b. Jan. 5, 1839, m. Apr. 8, 1872, Rebecca Pawling Freedley.
- 5312761 Ellen Pawling Corson, b. May 23, 1874, m. Eben White.
- 53127611 John J. Corson (name legally changed to Corson), b. Dec. 8, 1905, m. Nov. 15, 1930, Mary Turner Tillman.
- 53127612 Henry Freedley Corson, b. June 4, 1907.
- 5312752 Susan R. Corson, unmarried.
- 5312763 Alice Vincent Corson, m. Kenneth Stuart Patton.
- 53127631 Kenneth Stuart Patton, Jr.
- 5312764 John Jay Corson, Jr., m. Eleanor Yeakle.
- 53127641 Caroline Corson.
- 53127642 Eleanor Gertrude Corson.
- 5312765 Henry Freedley Corson, m. Lois Alker.
- 5312766 Paula Lawrence Corson, m. Paul M. March.
- 53127661 Alan Hallman March, m. Ruth Dungan.
- 531276611 Alan Hallman March, Jr.
- 531276612 William March.
- 531276613 Anthony Paul March.
- 53127662 Paul Mames March, m. Dorothy  
———.
- 53127663 Rebecca Corson March.
- 53127664 Louis Charbonnier March.
- 5312767 Charles Russell Corson, m. Hetty Taggart.
- 53127671 Susan Hollowell Corson.
- 5312768 Dorothy Heister Corson, m. Samuel Robert Brooks.
- 53127681 Samuel Rogers Brooks.
- 53127682 S. Robert Brooks.
- 531277 Mary Francis Corson, b. Mar. 29, 1841, d. unmarried.

- 531278 Lawrence Egbert Corson, b. Nov. 3, 1842, d. Feb. 16, 1888.
- 53128 George Corson, b. Jan. 4, 1803, d. Nov. 13, 1860, m. Jan. 24, 1832, Martha Maulsby, b. Mar. 12, 1807, d. Feb. 9, 1870.
- 531281 Susan Corson, d. in 15th year.
- 531282 Mary Corson, d. in infancy.
- 531283 Samuel Maulsby Corson, b. 1838, d. Aug. 7, 1881.
- 531284 Ellwood Maulsby Corson, M.D., b. June 15, 1842, d. Sept. 6, 1913, m. Nov. 20, 1866, Margaret Livingston Wilkenson, b. July 8, 1842, d. June 18, 1909.
- 5312841 Catherine Cady Corson, b. ———, d. Feb. 21, 1926.
- 5312842 Bayard Wilkenson Corson, b. Mar. 8, 1872, m. Florence E. Rennyson, b. July 27, 1876, reside at Brooklyn, N. Y.
- 53128421 Catherine T. Broeck Corson, b. Jan. 8, 1911.
- 53128422 Margaret Wilkenson Corson, b. Jan. 6, 1913.
- 53128423 Baynard Rennyson Corson, b. Nov. 16, 1915.
- 53128424 Livingston Corson.
- 531285 Helen Corson, b. Sept. 15, 1847, m. June 9, 1881, Thomas Hovendon, b. Dec. 28, 1840, d. Aug. 14, 1895.
- 5312851 Thomas Hovendon, Jr., b. Mar. 11, 1882, d. Sept. 19, 1915.
- 5312852 Martha Maulsby Hovendon, b. May 8, 1884.
- 531286 Marcus Heiler Corson, M.D., b. 1849, d. May 23, 1872.
- 531287 Ida Corson, m. William A. DeCaindry.
- 53129 Hiram Corson, M.D., b. Oct. 8, 1804, d. Mar. 4, 1896, m. Dec. 26, 1833, Ann Jones Foulke, b. Sept. 15, 1811, d. June 25, 1888.
- 531291 Edward Foulke Corson, M.D., b. Oct. 14, 1834, d. June 22, 1864.
- 531292 Joseph Kirby Corson, M.D., b. Nov. 22, 1836, d. July 24, 1913, m. Nov. 2, 1874, Mary Ada Carter, b. Sept. 22, 1849, d. Dec. 20, 1916.



- 5312921 Mary Carter Corson, b. Jan. 4, 1876,  
d. June, 1890.
- 5312922 Edward Foulke Corson, M.D., b. Nov.  
29, 1883, m. Esther Bisler, b. Sept. 7, 1893.
- 53129221 Edward Foulke Corson, Jr., b. Aug.  
8, 1918.
- 53129222 Joseph Kirby Corson, II, b. May 14,  
1922.
- 53129223 Ann Foulke Corson, b. Sept. 22,  
1924.
- 531293 Caroline Corson, b. Apr. 2, 1839, d. July  
25, 1865.
- 531294 Tacy Foulke Corson, b. Jan. 26, 1841, d.  
May 24, 1931, m. William L. Cresson, b. May  
13, 1840, d. June 16, 1916.
- 5312941 Caroline C. Cresson.
- 5312942 James Cresson.
- 5312943 Nancy Cresson, b. Sept. 12, 1872.
- 5312944 Mary Cresson.
- 531295 Charles Follen Corson, b. Nov. 22, 1842,  
m. 1st Mary Lukens, d. Dec. 14, 1876, m. 2nd  
in 1889, Margaret Slemmer.
- 531296 Susan Foulke Corson, b. Aug. 9, 1845, m.  
Nov. 26, 1868, Jawood Lukens of Consho-  
hocken, Pa.
- 531297 Bertha Corson, b. Dec. 17, 1847, m. June 17,  
1868, James Yocom of Philadelphia.
- 5312971 Frances Corson Yocom.
- 5312972 Thomas Corson Yocom, m. Bertha Hay.
- 53129721 Susan F. Yocom.
- 53129722 Kenneth H. Yocom.
- 5312973 Bertha E. Yocom, m. Edward A. Potter.
- 53129731 Mildred C. Potter.
- 53129732 Bertha A. Potter.
- 5312974 Georgiana Corson Yocom, m. Charles  
Hay.
- 53129741 Dorothy C. Hay.
- 5312975 Hiram Corson Yocom.
- 5312976 Dorothy Corson Yocom.
- 5312977 James Corson Yocom.
- 531298 Frances Stockton Corson, b. Oct. 25, 1849,  
m. Nov. 12, 1874, Richard Hopper Day (de-  
ceased).

- 5312981 Bertha Corson Day, b. Aug. 22, 1875,  
m. May 17, 1902, Daniel Moore Bates.
- 53129811 Bertha Bates.
- 53129812 Charles T. R. Bates.
- 53129813 Frances D. Bates.
- 5312982 Charles C. Day, b. May 15, 1879, d. May  
10, 1931, m. Aug. 24, 1904, Marg. Dunning.
- 53129821 Charles C. Day.
- 53129822 William Lang Day.
- 5312983 Richard Foulke Day, b. Aug. 22, 1891,  
d. Sept. 25, 1918.
- 531299 Mary Corson, b. Nov. 26, 1852, d. ———.
- 5312:10: William Corson, M.D., b. Aug. 8, 1806, d.  
Nov. 7, 1886.
- 5313 Thomas Corson, m. 1st Sarah Roberts (4 children),  
m. 2nd Rebecca Marple (4 children).
- 53131 Rebecca Corson, m. John Stockton.
- 531311 John Stockton, m. ——— ———.
- 53132 Benjamin D. Corson, b. Apr. 3, 1790, near  
Philadelphia, d. June 14, 1870, at Linden, Pa.,  
m. his cousin 53152 Rachel Harvey, b. Sept 9,  
1802, d. May 12, 1873.

(The following record of the descendants of Benjamin D. and Rachel (Harvey) Corson was compiled from a sketch of this branch of the family furnished by Mr. C. C. Courson of Cohoes, N. Y., and from information by Mr. C. H. McLain of Williamsport, Pa. The manuscript from Mr. C. C. Courson contained the following: "At a social gathering of the Courson family Sept. 29th, 1913, after a corn roast held in the woods back of the McLain home at Linden, Pa., an organization was formed for the purpose of holding an Annual Reunion of the present generation of Coursons. . . . Benjamin D. Courson, while still a young man, after the death of his mother and the second marriage of his father, left Chester Co. and came to live with his uncle, Benjamin, near Montoursville, Lycoming Co., who owned a farm and conducted a hotel near that place.")

- 531321 Mary Ann Courson, b. Apr. 24, 1823, d.  
Apr. 9, 1874, m. Samuel Everett.
- 5313211 Edward Everett, m. 1st Elizabeth Mc-  
Michael (2 children), m. 2nd Rosalie ———  
(2 children), resided at Millville, Pa.



- 53132111 Bruce Everett, m. Hattie Stackhouse,  
resided at Muncy, Pa.
- 531321111 Hayes Everett.
- 531321112 Edward Everett.
- 531321113 Anna Everett.
- 53132112 Jennie Everett, m. Thomas Robbin.
- 531321121 Hazel Robbin, m. Glen Camp, re-  
side at Masten, Pa.
- 5313211211 Dean Camp.
- 5313211212 Thelma Camp.
- 531321122 Claude Robbin.
- 531321123 Everett Robbin.
- 531321124 Mary Robbin.
- 531321125 Cleo Robbin, m. Ralph Campbell,  
reside at Masten, Pa.
- 5313211251 Everett Campbell.
- 531321126 Harry Robbin.
- 53132113 Howard Everett, resides at Detroit.
- 53132114 Cleo Everett.
- 5313212 Thomas Everett, m. Julia Lush.
- 53132121 Arthur Everett, m. Hattie Gordnor,  
reside at Unityville, Pa.
- 531321211 Mary Everett.
- 531321212 Thomas Everett.
- 531321213 Harry Everett.
- 531321214 Edna Everett.
- 531321215 Franklin Everett.
- 53132122 Maizie Everett, m. William Starr, re-  
side at Benton, Pa.
- 531321221 Harold Starr.
- 531321222 Glen Starr.
- 531321223 Thelma Starr.
- 531321224 Thomas Starr.
- 53132123 Anna Everett, m. Harry Vannatta.
- 531321231 Donald Vannatta, d. at four years.
- 531322 Thomas R. Courson, b. Mar. 1, 1824, d.  
Apr. 21, 1904, m. Mary Brown.
- 5313221 Mary Courson, m. Jacob Young of Nes-  
bit, Pa.
- 53132211 Thomas Young, d. Apr. 24, 1900.
- 53132212 Earl Young.
- 53132213 Oscar Young.
- 53132214 Martha Young.

531323 Rebecca D. Courson, b. Aug. 21, 1826, d.  
Mar. 24, 1862, m. Charles Mozley of Muncy,  
Pa.

5313231 Edward Mozley, m. Mrs. Margaret  
Sclack.

53132311 Reta Mozley.

5313232 Rachel Mozley, m. William R. Bridgens.

53132321 Joseph Bridgens.

53132322 Mame Bridgens, m. Lee Wolf.

531323221 Olive Wolf.

53132323 Ralph Bridgens, m. Mabel E. John-  
son of Spokane, Wash.

5313233 Hannah Mozley, m. John Leinbach.

53132331 Harry Leinbach.

53132332 Rebe Leinbach, m. Emma Moffett.

531323321 Alonza Leinbach.

53132333 Walter Leinbach, m. Bertha Quiggle.

531323331 Charles Leinbach.

53132334 Laura Leinbach, m. Douglas Ed-  
monds of Los Angeles, Calif.

531323341 Dorothy Edmonds.

53132335 Bess Leinbach, m. Ralph Winegard-  
ner.

531323351 Ralph Winegardner, Jr.

53132336 Chester Leinbach.

53132337 Ralph Leinbach, m. Mabel Bennett.

531323371 Helen Leinbach.

5313234 Mary Mozley, m. Lesley Dougherty.

53132341 Pearl Dougherty, m. Rev. W. C.  
Wallace.

531323411 William Wallace.

531323412 James Wallace.

531323413 Theodore Wallace.

531323414 Dorothy Wallace.

53132342 Lucia Dougherty, m. Eugene Haist.

531323421 Max Haist.

531323422 Kenneth Haist.

53132343 John Dougherty, m. Mary L'Abbe.

531323431 Charles Dougherty.

531323432 John Dougherty.

531323433 Mary Dougherty.

531323434 Lucy Dougherty.



- 531323435 James Dougherty.
- 531323436 Alice Dougherty.
- 5313235 Rebecca Mozley, m. W. A. Nicely.
- 53132351 Amy Nicely, m. David Bly.
- 531323511 Ruth Bly.
- 531323512 Dorothy Bly.
- 531323513 James Bly.
- 53132352 Charles Nicely, m. Martha Glass of Emory, Tex.
- 53132353 Mabel Nicely.
- 5313236 Albert Mozley, d. in infancy.
- 531324 Sarah Jane Courson, b. Feb. 16, 1828, at Linden, Pa., d. Jan. 18, 1903, m. Joseph F. McLain, b. Apr. 5, 1829, at Lycoming County, Pa., d. Dec. 23, 1895.
- 5313241 Rachel McLain, m. John McGran of Harrisburg.
- 53132411 Jennie M. McGran, m. 1st Sam Myers (1 child), m. 2nd Burt Decker (5 children).
- 531324111 Leslie Myers, m. Mildred Kyler.
- 531324112 Beulah Decker.
- 531324113 Sarah Decker.
- 531324114 Harry Decker.
- 531324115 Richard Decker.
- 531324116 Gertrude Decker.
- 53132412 Carrie McGran, m. John Kallman.
- 531324121 Elsworth Kallman.
- 531324122 An infant.
- 53132413 Joseph McGran, m. Gertrude Bell.
- 53132414 Sarah McGran.
- 5313242 Sarah McLain, m. George Moore of Williamsport, Pa.
- 53132421 Ralph Moore, m. Jennie Ertle.
- 531324211 Max Moore.
- 531324212 George Moore.
- 5313243 Flora McLain, m. Lee Habbett.
- 53132431 Leonard Habbett, m. Alice Iverson of Aberdeen, S. D.
- 5313244 Frederick McLain, d. in infancy.
- 5313245 Charles H. McLain, b. Apr. 29, 1864, at Linden, Pa., m. Nov. 15, 1888, Lilly J. Cowden, b. June 12, 1869, at Larryville, Pa.

- 53132451 R. DeLos McLain, m. June 12, 1916,  
Miriam Kunkle.
- 531324511 Robert DeLos McLain, b. Mar.  
9, 1918.
- 531324512 William Charles McLain, b. Mar.  
9, 1922.
- 531324513 Joseph Kunkle McLain, b. Apr.  
4, 1924.
- 53132452 Mary McLain, m. June 26, 1920,  
Fred J. Ackerman.
- 531324521 Carl Fred Ackerman, b. May 18,  
1921.
- 531324522 Mary Jane Ackerman, b. Dec. 23,  
1922.
- 531324523 Harry Stockton Ackerman, b.  
Oct. 18, 1924.
- 531325 Amy Marple Courson, b. Mar. 15, 1830, d.  
Feb. 1, 1871, m. Robert McWilliams.
- 5313251 Tirzah McWilliams, m. Harry Leonard.
- 53132511 Monroe Leonard, m. Reba Kreider.
- 531325111 Harry Leonard.
- 5313252 Benjamin McWilliams, d. young.
- 5313253 Anna McWilliams, d. young.
- 5313254 Thomas McWilliams, d. young.
- 531326 William Harvey Courson, b. Jan. 3, 1832,  
d. Nov. 12, 1907, m. Catherine Grow.
- 5313261 Severnus Courson, d. in infancy.
- 5313262 Rachel Courson, m. J. A. Coppes.
- 53132621 Nellie Coppes, m. Howard Corson.
- 531326211 Retta Corson.
- 531326212 John Corson.
- 53132622 Retta Coppes, m. Pierce Traveleret.
- 53132623 Martha Coppes, d. in infancy.
- 53132624 Storres Coppes, m. Martha Bennett.
- 53132625 John Coppes, m. Alice Dugan.
- 5313263 Mazzie Courson, m. Isaac Coppes.
- 53132631 Esther Coppes, m. Thomas William-  
son.
- 5313264 Albert Courson, m. Kate Arndt.
- 53132641 Harry Courson, m. Clara Wagoner.
- 53132642 Clarence Courson, m. Catherine Nel-  
son.



- 53132643 Emma Courson, living at home in 1913.
- 53132644 Charles Courson, living at home in 1913.
- 5313265 Martha Courson, unmarried, living with sister Lalla in 1913.
- 5313266 Willis Courson, m. Anna Grimes.
- 53132661 Dawson Courson.
- 53132662 Frances Courson.
- 53132663 Irvin Courson.
- 5313267 Lalla Courson, m. Harvey Williamson.
- 53132671 Larue Williamson.
- 53132672 Max Williamson.
- 531327 John Phipps Courson, b. Sept. 10, 1834, d. Jan. 1, 1908, m. 1st Elizabeth Ritter (7 children), m 2nd Etta Quiggle Chubb.
- 5313271 Brady Courson, m. Allie Younkin.
- 53132711 Clifford Courson.
- 53132712 Paul Courson.
- 5313272 Harry Courson, m. Elizabeth Groundsell.
- 53132721 Walter Courson.
- 5313273 May Courson, m. Ward Morris.
- 53132731 Thomas Morris.
- 53132732 George Morris.
- 53132733 Weymouth Morris.
- 5313274 Almeda Courson, m. Alex Clemens.
- 53132741 Edgar Clemens.
- 53132742 Reed Clemens
- 53132743 Charles Clemens,
- 53132744 John Clemens.
- 53132745 Ruth Clemens.
- 5313275 Charles Courson, d. when 1 year old.
- 5313276 Samuel Courson, m. Carrie Braine.
- 53132761 Louise Courson, d. in infancy.
- 53132762 Archibald Courson.
- 53132763 Ralph Courson.
- 5313277 Anna Courson, m. Harley McCornick.
- 53132771 Courson McCornick.
- 531328 Elizabeth Ann Courson, b. Mar. 7, 1837, d. July 13, 1910, m. Charles Swain.
- 5313281 Edward Swain. m. Catherine Treaster.

- 53132811 George Swain, m. Edna Readdy of Cleveland, Ohio.
- 53132812 Eva Swain, m. Earl Lashley of Johnstown, Pa.
- 53132813 Charles Swain, single in 1913.
- 53132814 Margaret Swain, single in 1913.
- 53132815 Martha Swain, single in 1913.
- 53132816 Helen Swain, single in 1913.
- 5313282 George Swain, m. Lena Peters.
- 53132821 Harry Swain.
- 53132822 Lillian Swain.
- 5313283 Joseph Swain, m. 1st Anna Hawke (2 children), m. 2nd Belle Klinepeter.
- 53132831 Elizabeth Swain.
- 53132832 Alleane Swain.
- 5313284 Thomas Swain, m. 1st Clara Robinson (3 children), m. 2nd Blanch Carey.
- 53132841 Lena Swain, m. Frank Poister of Galion, Ohio.
- 531328411 Frederick Poister.
- 531328412 Miriam Poister.
- 53132842 Elizabeth Swain.
- 53132843 Gertrude Swain.
- 531329 Rachel M. Courson, b. Oct. 7, 1839, d. Feb. 15, 1842.
- 53132:10: Charles Augustus Courson, b. Nov. 27, 1841, d. Mar. 31, 1915, m. 1st Belle Fancher, m. 2nd Mrs. Ellen Elder.
- 53132:10:1 Augustus Courson, d. unmarried.
- 53132:11: Frances Courson, b. Mar. 29, 1843, d. Sept. 24, 1894, m. Margaret Clark.
- 53132:11:1 Charles Courson, d. in infancy.
- 53132:11:2 Joseph Courson, d. in infancy.
- 53132:11:3 Harry Courson, m. Hebe Savage.
- 53132:11:4 Florence Courson.
- 53132:12: Martha Alice Courson, b. Mar. 24, 1845, m. 1st Tucker Blackwell, m. 2nd Thomas Quiggle.
- 53132:13: Hiram Edmund Courson, b. Feb. 16, 1847, d. ———, m. Elizabeth Cohick.
- 53132:13:1 Charles Courson, m. Della Kable, no children.



- 53132:13:2 Alexander Courson, m. Sarah Kress.
- 53132:13:21 Celia Courson.
- 53132:13:22 Lewis Courson.
- 53132:13:23 Ruth Courson.
- 53132:13:24 Helen Courson.
- 53132:13:25 Claire Courson.
- 53132:13:3 George Courson, m. Elsie English.
- 53132:13:31 Dorothy Courson.
- 53132:13:32 Edward Courson.
- 53132:13:33 Rolland Courson.
- 53132:13:4 Mary Courson, m. Irvin Martin.
- 53132:13:41 Seth Martin.

(In the foregoing descendants of 53132 Benjamin D. Corson, their name was spelled "Courson" as it was found in the manuscript from C. C. Courson of Cohoes, N. Y.)

- 53133 Thomas Corson, d. unmarried.
- 53134 Joshua Corson, d. young.
- 53135 Sarah Corson, m. John Phipps.
- 531351 Rebecca Corson Phipps, m. John Thomas Bell.
- 5313511 Martha Thomas Bell.
- 5313512 Lillian Bell, m. Jonathan Wilmer Thomas.
- 5313513 Charles Phipps Bell, m. Emma Griffeth.
- 53135131 Maurice Bell.
- 53135132 Lewis Bell.
- 5313514 Sarah Phipps Bell, m. ————— Dowlin.
- 531352 Clayton Phipps, m. Nancy Alice Snively.
- 5313521 Zenlicka Bell Phipps.
- 5313522 Annie Marple Phipps.
- 5313523 Clayton Phipps.
- 5313524 Joseph Snively Phipps.
- 5313525 John Beitler Phipps.
- 531353 Mary Jane Phipps, m. George W. Miller.
- 531354 Sarah Phipps, m. John E. Hickman.
- 531355 Martha Phipps, m. Mordecai Howard Steele.
- 5313551 George Miller Steele.
- 5313552 Sarah W. Steele.
- 5313553 Amy Marple Steele.
- 531356 Amy Marple Phipps, m. John Henry Storm.

- 5313561 John Bell Storm.
- 5313562 Corson Phipps Storm.
- 531357 John Beitler Phipps, d. Jan. 23, 1875.
- 53136 Marple Corson, b. May 11, 1811, d. Jan., 1881,  
m. Ellen Lyman Jones, d. Apr. 12, 1902.
- 531361 William Jones Corson, b. Oct. 28, 1837,  
m. ———.
- 5313611 Clarence George Corson, resides at Roselle, N. J., and has 12 children.
- 531362 Mary Ellen Corson, b. Aug. 22, 1839, m.  
Aug. 17, 1871, Rev. Vincent Flinn, b. Dec. 9,  
1844, d. Nov. 11, 1889.
- 5313621 Eleanor Brynberg Flinn, b. June 30,  
1872, unmarried.
- 5313622 Cary Corson Flinn, b. Jan. 10, 1875,  
m. ——— Fitzgerald, deceased.
- 5313623 Franklin Vincent Flinn, b. Jan. 14, 1879,  
m. ———.
- 531363 Joseph Thomas Corson, b. Feb. 18, 1843,  
d. Feb. 28, 1858.
- 531364 George Washington Corson, b. Nov. 18,  
1845, d. Mar. 2, 1894, m. Feb. 12, 1869, Hilda  
Marguerite Pley. m.
- 5313641 George Clarence Corson, b. Nov. 26,  
1889.
- 5313642 Hilda Marguerite Corson, b. Sept., 1891.
- 5313643 Thomas Vickers Corson, b. Dec. 20,  
1893.
- 531365 Rebecca Jones Corson, b. Sept. 22, 1848.
- 531366 Caroline Waltz Corson, b. Sept. 25, 1853.
- 531367 Marple Corson, Jr., b. Sept. 16, 1855, d.  
Oct. 25, 1857.
- 531368 Catherine Waldrawin Corson, b. Sept. 16,  
1857.
- 53137 Abel Corson, d. young.
- 53138 Joseph Corson, b. Oct. 27, 1821, d. Apr. 25,  
1865, m. 1st Caroline Waltz, d. Jan. 17, 1848 (1  
child), m. 2nd. Nov. 11, 1852, Elizabeth A. Stockton  
(2 children d. young, not listed).
- 531381 Edward Waltz Corson, M.D., b. 1843, d.  
Apr. 25, 1865.



5314 Richard Corson, b. Dec. 4, 1768, bp. (Ryk) Apr. 23, 1769, d. Oct. 29, 1845, m. 1st Ann Marple (3 children), m. 2nd Elizabeth Bennett (3 children).

53141 David Corson, d. young.

53142 Ann Corson, d. young.

53143 Elizabeth H. Corson, b. 1800, d. Dec. 29, 1857, m. Abraham Cornell.

531431 Ann Elizabeth Cornell, b. Jan. 11, 1823, m. John Gill (2 sons, 1 daughter not listed).

531432 Richard Cornell, b. Oct. 3, 1824, m. Mary States (2 sons, 2 daughters not listed).

531433 Charles Cornell, b. Oct. 9, 1826, m. Martha Ann Ritch (3 sons, 2 daughters not listed).

531434 Catherine Cornell, b. May 23, 1829, m. Thomas Laylon (no children).

531435 Hiram Cornell, b. Sept. 4, 1832, m. Mary Jane McKinsty.

5314351 Catherine Cornell.

5314352 James Cornell.

531436 David Cornell, b. Feb. 7, 1837, m. Sarah McKinsty.

5314361 Martin Cornell.

531437 Henrietta D. Cornell, b. July 29, 1840, m. 1st William Ardeway (1 child), m. 2nd John Keppard.

5314371 Cornell Ardeway.

531438 Gilliam Cornell, M.D., b. Mar. 15, 1843, m. Lucretia Good (5 children, two listed).

5314381 Howard Cornell.

5314382 Luella Cornell.

53144 John Bennett Corson, b. Oct. 6, 1810, m. Eleanor Fetter.

531441 Elizabeth Corson, b. Apr. 5, 1832, d. 1838.

531442 Maria Ann Corson, b. July 19, 1833, m. S. Curtis Worthington.

5314421 Maryanna Corson Worthington.

5314422 Harriet Worthington.

5314423 Benjamin Allen Worthington, m. Harry Reed.

53144231 Maria Louisa Reed.

5314424 Clara Worthington.

- 531443 William Warren Corson, b. Apr. 14, 1836,  
m. Mary Grace Addis.
- 5314431 William Warren Corson, Jr., m. Bertha  
Dennison.
- 531444 Mary E. Corson, b. 1844, d. 1866.
- 53145 Maria Ann Corson, b. May 30, 1813, d. Feb.  
21, 1855, m. William Warren Bennett (14 chil-  
dren, all dying in infancy except the two listed).
- 531451 Louisa Bennett, b. 1838, m. William Hulse.
- 5314511 Luty Hulse.
- 531452 Elvina Bennett, b. 1845, m. Samuel Bayles.
- 5314521 Minnie Bayles.
- 5314522 Clifton Bayles.
- 53146 Nancy M. Corson, b. Sept. 29, 1818, m. Jacob  
Miles Search.
- 531461 Elwood Search, b. Sept. 22, 1838, unmar-  
ried.
- 531462 Theodore C. Search, b. Mar. 20, 1841, m.  
Anna L. White.
- 5314621 Ida May Search, m. George Howard  
Cliff.
- 53146211 Anna Search Cliff.
- 531463 Henry Lot Search, b. Sept. 18, 1846, m.  
Mary Ann Lefferts.
- 5314631 Susanna Search, b. 1878.
- 5314632 Theodore Corson Search.
- 531464 Erasmus N. M. Search, b. Mar. 7, 1851,  
m. Mary Ella Warren.
- 5314641 Pauline M. Search.
- 5314642 Leroy Search.
- 5314643 Ethel Search.
- 531465 Ann Elizabeth Search, b. Mar. 13, 1853,  
m. Edwin W. Roberts.
- 5314651 Harry Roberts, d. eight years old.
- 5314652 Harold Search Roberts.
- 5315 Mary Corson, m. 1st William Harvey (8 children),  
m. 2nd ————— (no children).
- 53151 Richard Harvey, m. —————.
- 53152 Rachel Harvey, m. 53152 Benjamin Corson.
- 53153 Belinda Harvey, m. William Atkinson.
- 531531 Harvey Atkinson.



- 53154 Sarah Harvey, m. 1st Peter Blaker (8 children), m. 2nd John Griffith (1 child).
- 531541 Henry Blaker.
- 531542 William Blaker.
- 531543 Levi Blaker.
- 531544 Peter Blaker.
- 531545 Belinda Ann Blaker.
- 531546 Thompson Blaker.
- 531547 Agnes Blaker, m. —————.
- 531548 Thomas Blaker.
- 531549 —————, child of second husband.
- 53155 Allen Harvey, m. —————.
- 531551 Amos Harvey.
- 531552 Belinda Harvey.
- 531553 Mary Harvey.
- 53156 Benjamin Corson Harvey.
- 53157 Thomas Harvey.
- 53158 William Harvey.
- 5316 Elizabeth Corson, m. Issachar Morris.
- 53161 Benjamin Corson Morris, M.D., b. 1801, m. Anna Oliver.
- 531611 Issachar Morris, M.D.
- 531612 John Oliver Morris.
- 531613 George W. Morris.
- 531614 Mary Oliver Morris.
- 531615 Ellis Morris.
- 531616 Jacob Morris.
- 531617 Emma Morris.
- 531618 Joseph Morris, killed at battle of Stone River.
- 53162 Hannah Morris, m. Jacob Evans.
- 531621 Issachar Morris Evans.
- 531622 Andrew J. Evans.
- 531623 Joseph R. Evans, M.D.
- 531624 Sarah Evans, m. ————— Stadin.
- 531625 Elizabeth Evans, m. ————— Hartman.
- 53163 Jane Morris, m. 1st Baltis Titman (3 children), m. 2nd Daniel Fox (5 children), m. 3rd Samuel Kisner (no children).
- 531631 Mary Titman, m. ————— Hampton.
- 531632 Elizabeth Titman.
- 531633 Issachar M. Titman.

- 531634 Rachel Fox.
- 531635 Ellen Fox, m. ——— Stout.
- 531636 Anna Fox, m. ——— Creasy.
- 531637 John Fox.
- 531638 James Fox, DD.S.
- 53164 Sarah Morris, m. 1st George Kuder, moved to  
Champaign County, Ill., m. 2nd Isaiah Wright.
- 531641 Issachar Morris Kuder, farmer at St.  
Joseph, Ill.
- 531642 George Kuder, farmer in Kansas.
- 531643 Benjamin Kuder, farmer in Kansas.
- 531644 Hannah Kuder, m. ——— Hamilton.
- 531645 Emma Kuder, m. Paul Blaker.
- 531646 Sarah Kuder, m. ——— Witte.
- 531647 Phoebe Kuder, m. ——— Witte, farmer,  
Homer, Ill.
- 53165 Rev. Joseph Roberts Morris, m. Elizabeth Ann  
Kline.
- 531651 Mathias K. Morris, M.D., Holiday's Cove,  
W. Va.
- 531652 John A. Morris, moved to Calif.
- 531653 Ann Morris, m. Rev. J. F. Heilner of Crip-  
ple Creek, Colo.
- 531654 A. Judson Morris, M.D., physician, Indian  
Rosebud Agency, S. D.
- 531655 Joseph Morris, lawyer, Salt Lake, Utah.
- 53166 Eliza Morris, m. 1st Joseph Corson Blaker, a  
cousin (3 children), m. 2nd Vincent Arnwine  
(5 children).
- 531661 Issachar Blaker, m. ——— ———, lived  
at Shenandoah, Pa.
- 531662 Paul Blaker, m. 531645 Emma Kuder, a  
cousin.
- 531663 General Charles M. Blaker, lawyer, lived at  
Bloomburg, Pa.
- 531664 Burtis Arnwine, lived in Wilkes Barre, Pa.
- 531665 Mary C. Arnwine, m. ——— Parver.
- 531666 Amanda A. Arnwine, m. ——— Bowman  
of Wyoming, Pa.
- 531667 Caroline Arnwine, m. ——— Rich.
- 531668 John A. Arnwine of Wyoming, Pa.



- 53167 George W. Morris, m. Maria Thomas, moved to Cook County, Ill.
- 531671 Freeman Morris, lived in Kansas.
- 531672 William Morris, a merchant of Onarga, Ill.
- 531673 Corson Morris.
- 531674 John Morris.
- 531675 Dallas Morris.
- 531676 Emma Morris.
- 531677 Catherine Morris, lived near Chicago, Ill.
- 53168 Charles Morris, m. Sarah Thomas, moved to Cook County, Ill.
- 531681 Francis J. Morris, m. ——— Doyle of Chicago.
- 531682 Ross Morris, farmer near Bloom, Ill.
- 531683 Elizabeth Morris, m. ——— Green.
- 531684 Freeman T. Morris, lawyer, of Watseka, Ill.
- 531685 Thomas Morris.
- 53169 John C. Morris, M.D., m. Caroline Fuller, lived in Orange, Luzern County, Pa.
- 531691 Elizabeth Morris.
- 531692 John C. Morris of LaFayette, Ind.
- 531693 Franklin Morris, teacher of Dallas, Tex.
- 531694 Wilber Morris of Tunkhannack, Pa.
- 5316:10:Rachel Morris, m. Zebulon Robbins.
- 5316:10:1 John M. Robbins, banker in Shenandoah, Pa.
- 5316:10:2 Issachar M. Robbins, lived in Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 5316:10:3 Honora Robbins, M.D., lived in Bloomburg, Pa.
- 5316:10:4 Sarah S. Robbins, lived in Bloomburg, Pa.
- 5316:10:5 Elmer E. Robbins, grain dealer of Sac City, Iowa.
- 5317 Rachel Corson, b. Feb., 1776, d. Sept. 3, 1844, m. Mar. 28, 1805, Paul Blaker, b. Aug., 1776, d. Nov., 1839.
- 53171 Joseph Corson Blaker, b. Sept. 1, 1806, m. 53166 Eliza Morris (3 children, Issachar, Paul and Charles M. Blaker listed previously).
- 53172 Benjamin Blaker, d. 1857, m. Caroline Walton.
- 531721 Walton Blaker.

- 531722 Louise Blaker.  
 531723 William Blaker.  
 53173 Paul Blaker, m. Sarah Tomlinson.  
 531731 Henry W. Blaker, b. Feb. 5, 1838, m. Priscilla Cooper, lived in Pleasanton, Kan., in 1880.  
 5317311 Laura Blaker.  
 5317312 Elizabeth Blaker.  
 5317313 William Blaker.  
 531732 Mary Blaker, b. Oct. 25, 1840, m. Dec., 1864, Benjamin Cooper, lived in Northampton Township, Bucks County, Pa.  
 5317321 Luella Cooper, b. Sept. 29, 1865.  
 5317322 James Cooper, b. May 3, 1868.  
 5317323 Annie Cooper, b. May, 1870.  
 5317324 Estella Cooper, b. Aug. 17, 1876.  
 531733 Howard Blaker, m. Nov. 25, 1880, Sarah Bennett.  
 53174 Rachel Blaker, b. Nov. 17, 1818, d. unmarried.  
 53175 Joshua Corson Blaker, m. Mar. 25, 1840, Ann Croasdale.  
 531751 Rachel Ann Blaker, b. Jan. 6, 1859, William Wyncoop.  
 531752 Benjamin Blaker, m. Dec., 1872, Addie Brabent of Wisconsin.  
 531753 Alfred Blaker, Jr., m. 1869, Annie Hibbs, moved to Kansas in 1871, where he went into lumber business with 531752 Benjamin Blaker.  
 5317531 Ernest Blaker.  
 5317532 Eleanor Blaker.  
 5317533 William Blaker.  
 53176 Alfred Blaker, b. May 1, 1822, m. Jan. 15, 1853, Susan Roberts, no issue.  
 5318 Sarah Corson, m. Matthias Bennett.  
 53181 William Bennett, d. unmarried.  
 53182 Bernard Bennett, m. Eliza Parks (several children not listed).  
 53183 Elizabeth Bennett, m. Andrew Van Boskirk (several children not listed).  
 53184 Rebecca Bennett, m. ——— Hogeland (several children not listed).  
 53185 Benjamin Bennett, m. ——— Van Horn (4 children, 2 listed).



- 531851 Sarah Bennett.
- 531852 Phoebe Bennett.
- 53186 Matthias Bennett, m. Hannah Croasdale.
- 5319 Jane Corson, m. William Bennett, brother of her sister Sarah's husband.
- 53191 Jane Eliza Bennett, m. William Buckman, both found murdered Sept. 24, 1863.
- 531911 Eugene Buckman, d. in Civil War.
- 531912 Clarence Buckman, was State Senator in Minnesota in 1882.
- 53192 Sarah Margarretta Bennett, m. Charles Blaker.
- 531921 John Blaker, served as lieutenant in Civil War.
- 531922 Isaac Blaker, lived in Kansas.
- 531923 Julian Blaker, lived in Kansas.
- 531924 Wade Blaker, lived in Kansas.
- 531925 Abbie Blaker, m. Harrison Rice.
- 5319251 Isaac Rice, m. Susan Comly.
- 5319252 Julian Rice, m. ————, moved to Kansas.
- 531:10: Joshua Corson, b. Mar. 6, 1780, d. May 29, 1869, m. 1806, Hannah Lee, b. July 23, 1785, d. Aug. 14, 1860.
- 531:10:1 Amy Lee Corson, m. Charles Heston, lived near Pinesville, Bucks County, Pa.
- 531:10:11 Hannah Ann Heston, b. Nov. 4, 1837, m. Dec. 24, 1868, Joshua Beans, lived in Doylestown, Bucks County, Pa., member legislature 1868-1870.
- 531:10:111 Mary Heston Beans, b. Dec. 17, 1867, d. Mar. 17, 1872.
- 531:10:12 Albert Augusta Heston, b. Nov. 4, 1841, m. July 4, 1867, Sarah E. Thompson, served 3 years 7 months in Civil War (9 children, 5 d. young, 4 listed).
- 531:10:121 Frank E. Heston, b. Mar. 1, 1872, m. Feb. 15, 1893, Marion Murphy.
- 531:10:122 Phebe Thompson Heston, b. May 12, 1873, m. Feb. 15, 1893, Stephen Vandergrift.
- 531:10:1221 John Albert Vandergrift, b. Nov. 19, 1895.
- 531:10:123 Jesse Heston, b. May 11, 1874.

- 531:10:124 Hannah A. Heston, b. Jan. 9, 1879.
- 531:10:2 Sarah Dungan Corson, b. Aug. 26, 1808,  
d. Aug. 1, 1888, m. Dec., 1828, Gilbert W. Ely,  
d. Sept. 21, 1889.
- 531:10:21 Hannah Corson Ely, b. Feb. 1, 1830,  
m. Dec. 14, 1854, George Webster.
- 531:10:211 Joshua Ely Webster, b. Jan. 20, 1856.
- 531:10:212 Ella Webster, b. Aug. 27, 1857.
- 531:10:22 Joshua Corson Ely, b. Sept. 28, 1833.
- 531:10:23 Rebecca Smith Ely, b. Jan. 29, 1837,  
m. George S. Teas.
- 531:10:231 Ellen Teas, b. Oct. 18, 1857.
- 531:10:24 William Elwood Ely, M.D., b. Sept. 13,  
1842, d. July 6, 1892, m. July 28, 1866, Hannah  
Conrad.
- 531:10:241 Francis Edward Ely, b. Mar. 26,  
1867, m. 1890, Letitia C. Pyle.
- 531:10:2411 Eleanor C. Ely.
- 531:10:242 Bertha Estella Ely, b. Aug. 2, 1868,  
m. Lincoln Weingartner.
- 531:10:25 Anna Louise Ely, m. July 13, 1872,  
Israel Mullen of Horsham, Pa.
- 531:10:251 Howard Ely Mullen, b. Oct. 6, 1874.
- 531:10:252 Clarence Mullen, b. Aug. 3, 1877.
- 531:10:253 Wesley Mullen, b. July 8, 1882.
- 531:10:26 Adele Caroline Ely, m. Oct. 22, 1874,  
Samuel C. Lukens, a lumber dealer of Phila-  
delphia.
- 531:10:261 Elsie Lukens, b. Feb. 24, 1876, d.  
July 16, 1876.
- 531:10:262 Gilbert Ely Lukens, b. Nov. 17, 1877,  
d. June 1, 1880.
- 531:10:263 Jessie May Lukens, b. May 22, 1880.
- 531:10:264 Marion Lukens, b. Feb. 11, 1882.
- 531:10:265 Edward Samuel Lukens, b. Dec. 27,  
1883.
- 531:10:266 Barclay Walton Lukens, b. Mar. 27,  
1886, d. Feb. 19, 1889.
- 531:10:267 Helen Lukens, b. May 28, 1888.
- 531:10:268 Walter Lee Lukens, b. May 13, 1890.
- 531:10:269 Arthur Lewis Lukens, b. Oct. 27,  
1892.



- 531:10:26:10: Samuel Conrad Lukens, b. June 9, 1895.
- 531:10:3 Amos Lee Corson, b. May, 1810, d. July 5, 1879, m. Jan. 20, 1834, Anna Louisa Thomas, d. Apr. 11, 1891.
- 531:10:31 Rebecca Brook Corson, b. June 18, 1843, m. Dec. 10, 1880, George B. Carr (no children).
- 531:10:32 Wilber Thomas Corson, b. Mar. 9, 1853, m. June 30, 1875, Elizabeth Lord Redman.
- 531:10:321 Elizabeth Redman Corson, b. Mar. 5, 1876.
- 531:10:322 Maria Louisa Corson, b. Aug. 13, 1885.
- 531:10:4 Ralph Lee Corson, d. Mar. 27, 1889, unmarried.
- 531:10:5 Esther Corson, m. Sept. 10, 1835, Hiram Rice, d. Sept. 10, 1881.
- 531:10:51 William Rice, M.D., b. Mar. 13, 1836.
- 531:10:52 Joshua Rice Corson, b. Nov. 27, 1837, d. Jan. 27, 1877, unmarried.
- 531:10:53 Harrison Rice, m. May 16, 1877, Abbie Blaker (4 children, 2 listed previously under 531925 Abbie Blaker).
- 531:10:531 Lyndretta Rice, b. June 12, 1878.
- 531:10:532 Maud Esther Rice, b. Aug. 9, 1881.
- 531:10:6 Mary Corson, m. 1838, Anderson G. Smith, d. May 16, 1894, lived near Pineville, Bucks County, Pa.
- 531:10:61 Mary Ellen Smith, b. Jan. 14, 1840, d. Mar. 12, 1843.
- 531:10:62 Hannah C. Smith, b. Mar. 3, 1843, m. Mar. 3, 1864, Jacob S. Livezey of Byberry, Pa.
- 531:10:621 Edward Livezey, b. June 30, 1866, m. Mar. 8, 1888, Ruth Betts.
- 531:10:6211 Charles W. Livezey, b. June 26, 1890.
- 531:10:6212 Martha Livezey, b. June, 1893.
- 531:10:63 Clara A. Smith, b. Feb. 12, 1848, d. Jan. 2, 1858.
- 531:10:64 Joseph Z. Smith, b. June 13, 1849, m. Nov. 16, 1871, Mary Paxson.
- 531:10:641 George L. Smith, b. Jan. 11, 1873.

- 531:10:642 Edith W. Smith, b. Sept. 9, 1881.
- 531:10:65 Edgar Poe Smith, b. Dec. 13, 1854, m.  
1st Oct. 9, 1877, Jennie E. Gurney (2 children),  
m. 2nd Oct. 4, 1893, Mary Elizabeth Akers.
- 531:10:651 Hannah Mary Smith, b. July 17, 1879.
- 531:10:652 Charlotta G. Smith, b. Nov. 23, 1880.
- 531:10:66 Ida May Smith, b. Apr. 3, 1859, m. Jan.  
21, 1885, Edward M. Carcy.
- 531:10:7 Ann M. Corson, d. Jan. 4, 1894, m. 1833,  
William H. Ellis, d. 1892.
- 531:10:71 George Washington Ellis, b. Feb. 22,  
1839, m. 1st Mar. 30, 1864, Annie Senior, m.  
2nd Dec. 26, 1891, Anna Helen Watson.
- 531:10:711 Thomas White Ellis (of 1st m.), m.  
1892, Clara Childs.
- 531:10:72 William Godey Ellis, b. Oct. 10, 1844,  
m. May 26, 1864, Anna M. Slack.
- 531:10:721 George Edwin Ellis, b. May 14, 1865,  
m. May 1, 1889, Nettie Hill.
- 531:10:7211 George Edwin Ellis, Jr., b. July  
7, 1890.
- 531:10:722 Enora E. Ellis, b. Nov. 20, 1876,  
m. Nov. 15, 1893, Philip R. Scuyler.
- 531:10:8 Joshua Corson, b. May 2, 1820, m. 1st Mar.  
12, 1842, Sarah Ann Johnson, b. May 2, 1820,  
d. Jan. 12, 1876, m. 2nd ————— (no  
children).
- 531:10:81 James Johnson Corson, b. Mar. 2, 1844,  
m. Mar. 2, 1869, Flora Urania Humphrey.
- 531:10:811 Anna Urania Corson, b. Apr. 15,  
1870, m. Apr. 18, 1893, Howard E. Young.
- 531:10:8111 Flora Humphrey Young, b. Mar.  
5, 1895.
- 531:10:82 Ralph Lee Corson, unmarried.
- 531:10:83 Watson Kirk Corson, b. Nov. 14, 1848,  
m. 1st Oct. 16, 1872, Rosine I. Merrick, b. Feb.  
2, 1855, d. Jan. 23, 1889 (2 children), m. 2nd  
Dec. 19, 1889, Mattie Slack Kieth (no children),  
m. 3rd June 16, 1892, Lizzie Dolby Torbert.
- 531:10:831 Watson Merrick Corson, b. Apr. 2,  
1879.
- 531:10:832 James J. Corson, b. Apr. 14, 1881.



- 531:10:84 Hannah Louisa Corson, b. July 25, 1851,  
m. Dec. 30, 1868, John Atkinson Ellis.
- 531:10:841 Carrie Corson Ellis, b. Nov. 19, 1869,  
m. Nov. 19, 1891, James R. Cooper.
- 531:10:842 Edwin Milton Ellis, b. July 7, 1874.
- 531:10:843 Mabel Ann Ellis, b. Apr. 15, 1878.
- 531:10:844 Elizabeth Bertha Ellis, b. May 8,  
1880.
- 531:10:845 John Atkinson Ellis, b. May 19, 1885.
- 531:10:846 Joshua Corson Ellis, b. Apr. 22, 1890.
- 531:10:847 Winfred Roy Ellis, b. Feb. 5, 1892.
- 531:10:85 Caroline Amanda Corson, b. Apr. 27,  
1853, m. Nov. 30, 1871, James P. Van Horn.
- 531:10:851 Edgar Smith Van Horn, b. Nov. 21,  
1872.
- 531:10:852 Martha E. Van Horn, b. Apr. 27,  
1879.
- 531:10:9 Hannah Corson, b. Apr. 21, 1822, d. June  
15, 1894, m. 1st Dec., 1844, Watson Kirk, m. 2nd  
May, 1860, Thomas White (no children by either  
marriage).
- 531:10:10: Elizabeth Helen Corson, b. Oct. 19, 1826,  
m. Dec. 2, 1847, William R. Dean.
- 531:10:10:1 Benjamin Eastburn Doan, b. Jan. 12,  
1849, m. Jan. 4, 1877, Louisa A. Baker.
- 531:10:10:11 Anna Estella Doan, b. Sept. 23,  
1878.
- 531:10:10:12 Calvin Baker Doan, b. Jan. 13,  
1881.
- 531:10:10:13 Joshua Corson Doan, b. June 19,  
1887.
- 531:10:10:2 Sarah Ann Doan, b. Feb. 18, 1851,  
m. Nov. 18, 1868, Benjamin W. Rockafellow.
- 531:10:10:21 John B. Rockafellow, b. Sept. 6,  
1869, m. Jan. 3, 1894, Louisa M. Fries.
- 531:10:10:211 A son, b. Nov. 17, 1895.
- 531:10:10:22 Watson W. Rockafellow, b. July  
8, 1871, d. Jan. 11, 1886.
- 531:10:10:23 William Rockafellow, b. Sept. 23,  
1873.
- 531:10:10:3 George Washington Doan, b. Aug. 19,  
1853, d. 1857.

- 531:10:10:4 Hannah Kirk Doan, b. Sept. 18, 1855, m. Sept. 18, 1880, Silas A. Selsor, lived in Dolyestown, Pa.
- 531:10:10:41 Thomas Watson Selsor, b. Aug. 29, 1883.
- 531:10:10:42 Lizzie Helen Selsor, b. 1885, d. May, 1886.
- 531:10:10:43 Charles Albert Selsor, b. July 26, 1887.
- 531:10:10:44 Louisa Selsor, b. July 16, 1889.
- 531:10:10:5 Martha Ellen Doan, b. Dec. 24, 1859, m. Dec. 28, 1892, Clinton A. Paul.
- 531:10:10:51 Sarah Elizabeth Paul, b. Nov. 17, 1893.
- 531:10:10:52 Hannah Louisa Paul, b. July 26, 1895.
- 531:11: Amos Corson, b. Dec., 1786, d. July 9, 1861, m. Martha Martindale, d. Mar. 22, 1869.
- 531:11:1 Jane Corson, b. 1807, d. Aug. 11, 1893, m. Jan. 25, 1844, Lewis Shallcross, b. Feb. 3, 1808, d. Dec. 9, 1889.
- 531:11:11 Amos Corson Shallcross, b. Feb. 5, 1847, d. Mar. 16, 1911, m. Dec. 23, 1869, Marietta Rowland, b. Jan. 26, 1849, d. July 3, 1904 (no issue).
- 531:11:12 Ann Eliza Shallcross, b. Jan. 15, 1849, d. Aug. 13, 1853.
- 531:11:13 Lewis W. Shallcross, Jr., b. Mar. 17, 1851, d. May 31, 1891, m. Ida DeV. Clayton, b. July 26, 1854, d. Sept. 11, 1928.
- 531:11:131 Omar Shallcross, b. Mar. 1, 1873, m. Jan. 25, 1895, Emma E. Webster, b. Jan. 6, 1873 (no issue).
- 531:11:132 Jeanette Corson Shallcross, b. Aug. 31, 1876, d. June 21, 1898, unmarried.
- 531:11:133 Ida Valetta Shallcross, b. Apr. 21, 1878, m. Nov. 5, 1902, Edmund B. Roberts, d. Feb. 22, 1924 (no issue).
- 531:11:134 Lewis Shallcross, III, b. Aug. 17, 1879, m. Dec. 10, 1902, Harriet P. Hart.
- 531:11:1341 Natalie Shallcross, b. Nov. 1, 1907, d. Dec. 1, 1913.



- 531:11:1342 Lewis Shallcross, IV, b. Nov. 18, 1905.
- 531:11:135 Ethel Maud Shallcross, b. Nov. 18, 1881, m. Apr. 13, 1903, James M. Christian.
- 531:11:1351 Jean Christian, b. Aug. 25, 1908.
- 531:11:136 Amos C. Shallcross, b. May 11, 1887, m. Feb. 25, 1908, Mabel V. Dungan.
- 531:11:1361 Amos Shallcross.
- 531:11:1362 Ida Shallcross.
- 531:11:137 Norma Bray Shallcross, b Jan. 14, 1886, unmarried.
- 531:11:138 T. Wistar Shallcross, b. Nov. 3, 1890, d. Oct. 11, 1926, unmarried.
- 531:11:139 J. Clayton Shallcross, b. Nov. 3, 1890, unmarried.
- 531:11:2 Sarah Corson, b. Oct. 12, 1810, d. May 15, 1827, unmarried.
- 531:11:3 Benjamin Corson, b. Mar. 5, 1812, d. Jan. 27, 1881, m. Jan. 18, 1832, Mary Ann Scull, b. Jan. 18, 1815, d. May 3, 1886.
- 531:11:31 John W. T. Corson, b. Feb. 8, 1833, d. Aug. 3, 1852.
- 531:11:32 Frances Charlotte Corson, b. Dec. 10, 1835, d. Nov. 9, 1908, m. Benjamin Shallcross.
- 531:11:321 John Corson Shallcross, b. Oct. 22, 1855, m. Lucy Cottman, b. May 13, 1859, d. July 26, 1926.
- 531:11:3211 William Watson Shallcross, b. and d. Apr. 17, 1889.
- 531:11:3212 John Burton Shallcross, b. Sept. 3, 1890, m. Sept. 8, 1915, Ernestine B. Meyer.
- 531:11:32121 Ernestine B. Shallcross.
- 531:11:32122 Barbara Burton Shallcross.
- 531:11:322 Leonard Chapman Shallcross, b. July 16, 1858, m. Annie Cripps.
- 531:11:3221 Howard Shallcross, m. V e r n a
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- 531:11:3222 Russell Shallcross, m. Edna Rol-  
lins.
- 531:11:32221 Dorothy Shallcross.
- 531:11:32222 Leonard Shallcross.

- 531:11:3223 Elizabeth Shallcross.
- 531:11:323 Elizabeth Shallcross, b. May 14, 1860.
- 531:11:324 Anna Frances Shallcross, b. June 27, 1862, m. Nov. 30, 1887, Abraham T. Clayton.
- 531:11:3241 Abraham T. Clayton, Jr., b. Oct. 17, 1890, m. Apr. 6, 1915, Helen Clayton.
- 531:11:32411 Richard M. Clayton, b. Aug. 23, 1916.
- 531:11:32412 Anna Frances Clayton, b. Mar. 23, 1919.
- 531:11:32413 Julie Joy Clayton, b. June 28, 1929.
- 531:11:3242 Charlotte C. Clayton, b. 1894, m. Nov. 30, 1916, William K. Tomlinson.
- 531:11:32421 William K. Tomlinson, b. Sept. 6, 1921.
- 531:11:32422 Christine C. Tomlinson, b. Apr. 8, 1923.
- 531:11:325 Sarah Chapman Shallcross, b. Apr. 14, 1864, m. Jan. 11, 1898, Clarence E. Hammond.
- 531:11:3251 Clarence E. Hammond, Jr., b. Nov. 3, 1899, m. Mar. 29, 1923, Myrtle T. Sprowles.
- 531:11:32511 Howard D. Hammond, b. Feb. 10, 1924.
- 531:11:32512 Richard E. Hammond, b. May 12, 1927.
- 531:11:3252 Helen Hammond, b. Aug. 3, 1901, d. Feb. 18, 1902.
- 531:11:3253 Leslie S. Hammond, b. May 24, 1904.
- 531:11:326 Letitia M. Shallcross, b. July 28, 1869, m. Lincoln Cartledge, b. Jan. 9, 1868, d. Nov., 1918.
- 531:11:3261 J. Lincoln Cartledge, II, b. May 29, 1895, m. Maria Nash.
- 531:11:32611 Lincoln Cartledge, III, b. Mar. 5, 1927.
- 531:11:32612 Alice McCarter Cartledge, b. Apr. 7, 1928.



531:11:3262 Charlotte Cartledge, b. May 16, 1899, m. Dr. Robert Clinton Colgan, b. Dec. 13, 1898.

531:11:32621 Charlotte Colgan, b. Oct. 14, 1925.

531:11:32622 Robert C. Colgan, b. Oct. 20, 1929.

531:11:327 Katherine Finn Shallcross, b. Apr. 2, 1871, m. Paul T. Craig, b. 1869.

531:11:3271 Dorothy Craig, b. July 21, 1893, d. Jan. 31, 1919, m. David Crabtree.

531:11:32711 David Reed Crabtree, b. Nov. 3, 1914.

531:11:32712 Katherine Shallcross Crabtree, b. Sept. 23, 1917.

531:11:3272 Helen Craig, b. Apr. 16, 1896, m. Harry Harmer.

531:11:32721 Harry Stevens Harmer, b. Mar. 29, 1928.

531:11:3273 Katherine Craig, b. Mar. 16, 1904, d. May 27, 1907.

531:11:3274 Harold Craig, b. Jan. 27, 1909.

531:11:33 Charles N. Corson, b. Nov. 5, 1837, d. June 10, 1840.

531:11:34 Joel S. Corson, b. Dec. 25, 1839, d. May 26, 1841.

531:11:35 Elizetta C. Corson, b. Mar. 7, 1842, d. Oct., 1918, m. 1865, Joseph E. Merrell, Sr.

531:11:351 Benjamin R. Merrell, b. Apr. 6, 1866, d. May 14, 1929.

531:11:352 Leroy Merrell.

531:11:353 Katie Merrell.

531:11:354 William Hall Merrell.

531:11:355 Joseph E. Merrell, Jr., b. Sept. 18, 1870, d. Feb. 17, 1902.

531:11:356 Vincent Palen Merrell, b. Oct. 4, 1874, m. Oct. 10, 1901, Carrie E. Peck, b. July 27, 1873.

531:11:3561 Edward Vincent Merrell, b. Aug. 2, 1902, d. Dec. 13, 1909.

531:11:3562 Virginia Merrell, b. June 3, 1904.

- 531:11:3563 Carolyn Blanton Merrell, b. Feb. 13, 1908.
- 531:11:3564 Evelyn Frances Merrell, b. Sept. 18, 1910.
- 531:11:357 Charlotte Evelyn Merrell, b. Feb. 14, 1882, unmarried.
- 531:11:358 Ethel Merrell.
- 531:11:36 Richard C. Corson, b. Mar. 22, 1844, m. Mary Martindale (no issue).
- 531:11:37 Benjamin Franklin Corson, b. Feb. 10, 1846, d. Jan. 8, 1930, m. Anna E. Snowden.
- 531:11:371 Emma Florida Corson, b. Apr. 11, 1875.
- 531:11:372 George M. Corson, b. Apr. 28, 1877, m. Pearl Sara Booth, d. Aug. 26, 1902.
- 531:11:373 Charlotte May Corson, b. Apr. 1, 1880.
- 531:11:374 Lucretia Susan Corson, b. Mar. 27, 1883.
- 531:11:375 Allen Stokes Corson, b. July 21, 1885.
- 531:11:38 William Harris Corson, b. Aug., 1848, m. Edith Comfort.
- 531:11:381 Benjamin Irving Corson, m. Clara  
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- 531:11:382 Mary Corson.
- 531:11:383 Homer Jean Corson.
- 531:11:384 Edith Corson.
- 531:11:385 Catherine Corson.
- 531:11:386 Winfred Corson.
- 531:11:39 Thomas R. Corson, b. Sept., 1850, m. Mary Williams.
- 531:11:391 Harry Corson.
- 531:11:392 Hattie Corson.
- 531:11:393 Katherine Corson.
- 531:11:3:10: Susan M. Corson, b. Dec. 10, 1852, m. George DuBue, b. Apr. 17, 1850, d. Dec. 20, 1927.
- 731:11:3:10:1 William Harris DuBue, b. Nov. 20, 1872, d. Mar. 14, 1928.
- 531:11:3:10:2 Benjamin DuBue, b. Sept. 11, 1874, d. June 6, 1878.



- 531:11:3:10:3 Francis G. DuBue, b. Sept. 26, 1876, m. Sept. 16, 1899, Marie Wagner.
- 531:11:3:11: Martha Annie Corson, b. Nov., 1858, d. Sept. 28, 1904, m. David Craven.
- 531:11:3:11:1 Alonzo Craven, b. Oct. 11, 1879, d. 1913, m. Laura McVaugh.
- 531:11:3:11:11 Stanley Craven.
- 531:11:3:11:12 Burtram Craven, m. Harriet Ropper.
- 531:11:3:11:13 Margaret Craven.
- 531:11:4 Joseph M. Corson, b. Dec. 24, 1814, d. Jan. 2, 1898, m. Ann Dungan, b. Oct. 29, 1815, d. Jan. 6, 1901.
- 531:11:41 Josephine Corson, b. Aug. 22, 1839, d. Jan. 3, 1896, m. Robert Barr, d. Aug. 1, 1898, 2nd lieut., 152nd Pa. Vol., Civil War.
- 531:11:411 Joseph Robert Barr, b. 1871, d. Oct. 13, 1885.
- 531:11:412 Frances Barr, d. Mar. 16, 1916, m. Walter Ervin.
- 531:11:4121 Russell Irvin.
- 531:11:4122 Roy Irvin.
- 531:11:4123 Alfred Irvin.
- 531:11:4124 Dorothy Irvin.
- 531:11:42 Lucy Jane Corson, b. Dec. 30, 1843, d. Oct. 15, 1845.
- 531:11:43 Ireena Corson, b. Jan. 25, 1845, d. Feb. 8, 1921, m. James Johnson, d. Mar. 19, 1890 (no issue).
- 531:11:44 Lewis S. Corson, b. Aug. 26, 1847, d. Oct. 10, 1850.
- 531:11:45 Martha Martindale Corson, b. Dec. 1, 1856, living in 1931.
- 531:11:5 Richard Corson, b. Sept. 16, 1816, d. Dec. 7, 1899, m. Mary Willard.
- 531:11:51 Mabel Corson.
- 531:11:6 Elizetta Corson, b. Mar. 18, 1818, d. Sept. 8, 1885, unmarried.
- 531:11:7 Charlotte Corson, b. Sept. 27, 1820, d. Aug. 21, 1826.
- 531:11:8 Isaac M. Corson, b. Aug. 8, 1824, m. 1st Sarah Pinto (1 child), m. 2nd Martha Lane (2 children).

- 531:11:81 Harry N. G. Corson.  
 531:11:82 Ida Corson.  
 531:11:83 Martha C. Corson, m. Sept. 30, 1893,  
 Jesse P. Cunningham.  
 531:11:9 Maria Ann Corson, b. May 6, 1828, d. Jan.  
 24, 1900, m. Feb. 17, 1864, Jeremiah Lynn, d.  
 Aug. 25, 1898 (no issue).  
 531:11:10: Amos D. Corson, b. Oct. 7, 1829, m. 1st  
 Mary E. Williard (4 children not listed), m. 2nd  
 Sarah R. Hicks (issue not listed).  
 531:11:11: Martha Ellen Corson, b. May 17, 1835,  
 d. Apr. 2, 1881, m. Mar. 4, 1863, Theodore Yerks,  
 b. Mar. 16, —, d. Apr. 17, 1867.  
 531:11:11:1 Emma Yerks, b. Feb. 3, 1864, m. —  
 Forsythe (no issue).  
 531:11:11:2 Newton E. Yerks, b. Aug. 2, 1866,  
 d. Mar. 20, 1888.  
 532 Rick Corson, bp. Apr. 2, 1745, d. Nov. 14, 1812, m. 1st  
 Rachel Knowles (no issue), m. 2nd Hannah Maulsby  
 (nee Davis), b. Jan. 1, 1743, d. June 4, 1807 (two  
 children).  
 5321 Richard Corson, M.D., b. Jan. 1, 1785, m. Helen  
 Johnson Stockton.  
 53211 Caroline Corson, b. 1815, d. May 4, 1838.  
 53212 David Ramsay Corson, M.D., b. 1817, d. Jan.  
 29, 1841.  
 53213 Harriet Matthews Corson, m. Charles Foulke,  
 M.D., d. 1871.  
 532131 Richard Corson Foulke, M.D., b. Nov. 2,  
 1843, m. 1872, Louisa Vansant.  
 5321311 Charles Edward Foulke.  
 5321312 Claribel Foulke.  
 532132 Edward Foulke, b. Mar. 23, 1847, m. Eliza  
 Vanhorn.  
 5321321 Vanhorn Foulke.  
 532133 Thomas Johnson Foulke, b. Mar. 3, 1851,  
 d. Sept. 15, 1883.  
 53214 Eliza Paxson Corson, unmarried, lived in Tren-  
 ton, N. J.  
 53215 Richard Corson, d. in 18th year.  
 53216 Helen N. Corson, b. 1826, d. July 20, 1849.



- 53217 Thomas Johnson Corson, M.D., b. 1828, m.  
Mary K. Steever, d. 1879.
- 532171 George Robert Corson, b. 1857, d. 1859.
- 532172 Caroline Steever Corson, b. 1858, d. 1875.
- 532173 Harriet Foulke Corson, b. 1862, d. 1887.
- 532174 Thomas Johnson Corson, Jr., b. 1869, d.  
1871.
- 53218 Robert Rogers Corson, b. May 3, 1831, m.  
Rebecca J. Foulke.
- 5322 Hannah Corson, b. May 6, 1788, m. John Bye, d.  
Sept. 5, 1833.
- 53221 Richard Corson Bye, m. —————,  
moved, 1855, to Illinois.
- 532211 William Bye.
- 532212 Lorenzo Bye.
- 53222 Mercy Bye, m. Isaiah Ely.
- 532221 Helen Ely, m. William H. Flitcraft.
- 5322211 Helen Flitcraft.
- 53223 Susan M. Bye, m. James Wilkinson.
- 532231 John Wilkinson.
- 532232 Henry L. Wilkinson, m. 1871, ————.
- 5322321 Laura E. Wilkinson.
- 532233 Elias Wilkinson, m. ————— (4  
children not listed).
- 532234 Mary M. Wilkinson, m. 1866, E. M. Arm-  
strong.
- 5322341 Emma W. Armstrong.
- 5322342 Annie H. Armstrong.
- 5322343 William Armstrong.
- 5322344 George Armstrong.
- 532235 Edward M. Wilkinson, d. 1870, unmarried.
- 532236 Emma Bye Wilkinson.
- 533 Jametie Corsen, bp. Apr. 26, 1747, m. John Kroesen  
or Croesen.
- 534 Cornelius Corsen, b. 1749, d. Oct. 19, 1823, m. Mary  
Ann Jones, d. Dec. 22, 1800.
- 5341 Benjamin Corson, d. unmarried.
- 5342 John Corson, m. Mary Lentz.
- 53421 Mary Corson, d. unmarried.
- 535 Hendrick Corsen, bp. Jan. 6, 1754, d. Jan. 23, 1792,  
m. Margaret Cornell.
- 5351 Cornelius Corson, m. —————.

- 53511 Benjamin Corson, b. July 11, 1795, d. ———, m. June 19, 1819, Margaret Scott, b. Jan. 17, 1796.
- 535111 Mary Ann Corson, b. Nov. 10, 1821, d. July 23, 1822.
- 535112 Cornelius Corson, b. July 13, 1823, m. Sally Ann Ryan, b. Oct. 12, 1819.
- 5351121 Mary Ellen Corson, b. Sept. 12, 1849, m. Harvey Worthington.
- 53511211 William R. Worthington.
- 5351122 Margaret Corson, b. May 2, 1852, d. unmarried.
- 5351123 Sarah R. Corson, m. Milton Heller.
- 53511231 Ellenor Heller, d. young.
- 53511232 Hugh Heller.
- 5351124 William Ryan Corson, b. July 9, 1855, m. Ida Vanartsdalen, b. Dec. 3, 1858.
- 53511241 Cornelius L. Corson, b. Sept. 4, 1879, m. Katherine Kerr, b. Nov. 25, 1878.
- 535112411 Mildred Corson, b. Sept. 1, 1905, m. Dec., 1925, Harry Renshaw.
- 5351124111 Warren Renshaw, b. Mar. 12, 1927.
- 535112412 Gladys Ida Corson, b. Oct., 1907, m. June, 1928, Clyde Heath.
- 53511242 Edward L. Corson, b. Nov. 4, 1880, m. Emma Margaret Hardigan, b. Sept. 24, 1882.
- 535112421 Edward Cornelius Corson, b. Sept. 7, 1906, m. May 16, 1931, Celestine Gallion.
- 535112422 Charles Howard Corson, b. Jan. 21, 1909.
- 53511243 Samuel H. Corson, b. Aug. 26, 1886, m. Esther White.
- 53511244 Forrest Corson, b. June 24, 1888, m. 1st Laura Weiss (3 children), m. 2nd Mary Gantz (no issue).
- 535112441 Forrest Corson, Jr.
- 535112442 Elizabeth Ida Corson.
- 535112443 Carl Garner Corson.
- 53511245 Lillian V. Corson, b. Aug. 8, 1897, m. Alfred Slugg, b. Oct. 5, 1897.



- 535112451 Eleanor Lillian Slugg, b. Oct. 6, 1919.
- 535112452 William Alfred Slugg, b. June 29, 1922.
- 53511246 Walter R. Corson, b. Oct. 27, 1902, m. Mildred B. Lott, b. Oct. 3, 1905.
- 535112461 Jean Christene Corson, b. Aug. 7, 1926.
- 535112462 Carolyn M. Corson, b. Oct. 10, 1930.
- 5351125 Alice Corson, b. July 22, 1856, d. same day.
- 5351126 Cornelius Corson, d. young.
- 535113 John Corson, d. unmarried.
- 535114 Ellen Corson, b. July 17, 1832, m. William Brown.
- 5351141 Margaret Brown.
- 5351142 Aimey Brown.
- 5351143 Amos Brown.
- 53512 William Corson, m. Mary White (no issue).
- 53513 Henry Corson, m. Eliza Beams (7 children not listed).
- 53514 Isaac Corson, m. Maria Everett.
- 535141 Edward Corson, d. young.
- 535142 Sallie E. Corson, m. ——— Gillam.
- 53515 Thompson A. Corson, m. Jan. 10, 1856, Harriet McKeever Burn.
- 535151 Franklin Pierce Corson, b. July 18, 1857, m. Leah Reynolds.
- 5351511 Annie Leah Corson, b. June 1, 1887, m. Daniel Embon.
- 53515111 Daniel Embon, b. Apr. 28, 1913.
- 53515112 Franklin Embon, b. July, 1914.
- 535152 Kathryn Corson, b. Aug. 24, 1858, m. Cyrus Leidig.
- 5351521 Edward Corson Leidig, b. June 28, 1881, m. Apr. 20, 1908, Florence Weikel.
- 53515211 Edward Corson Leidig, b. May 28, 1909, d. Mar. 26, 1922.
- 5351522 Harriet Corson Leidig, b. Dec. 9, 1883, m. William Frederick Stoltz, d. June 5, 1932.

- 53515221 Kathryn Caroline Stoltz, b. Oct. 7, 1910.
- 53515222 William Frederick Stoltz, b. Sept. 5, 1911.
- 53515223 Robert Edward Stoltz, b. Apr. 1, 1913.
- 535153 Margaret Corson, b. Aug. 24, 1858, d. age two weeks.
- 535154 Edward Farmer Corson, b. 1860, d. Jan. 22, 1900, m. Emily Schell.
- 5351541 Charles Schell Corson, b. Jan. 12, 1882, d. 1921, m. Envasita Register.
- 53515411 Emily Corson, b. 1907.
- 5351542 Mabel Corson, b. Jan. 22, 1887, m. Clarence Shaw.
- 53515421 Emily Corson Shaw, b. Jan. 10, 1913.
- 5351543 Albert Schell Corson, b. Nov. 24, 1890, m. Apr. 23, 1920, Hazel Manly.
- 53516 Richard Corson, m. Mary A. Selner.
- 535161 Walter A. Corson, m. Lavinia Snyder.
- 5351611 Claude S. Corson.
- 5351612 Leon W. Corson.
- 5351613 Ann M. Corson.
- 5351614 Esther L. Corson.
- 535162 William Henry Corson.
- 535163 Sarah Margaret Corson, m. George Shaw.
- 5351631 Walter C. Shaw.
- 5351632 Mary F. Shaw.
- 53517 Margaret Corson, m. George Hellyer.
- 535171 Joseph Hellyer.
- 535172 Alice Hellyer.
- 5352 Benjamin Corson, m. 1st Mary Fabritius (3 children), m. 2nd Christiana Fabritius, sister of Mary (2 children).
- 53521 Margaret Corson, d. unmarried.
- 53522 Susan Corson, m. Peter Weaver (no issue).
- 53523 Alan Corson, m. Nov. 15, 1836, Elizabeth Francis.
- 535231 Isabella Corson, b. Jan. 20, 1838, d. Mar. 26, 1924.
- 535232 Thomas Francis Corson, M.D., b. Apr. 4, 1840, d. May 29, 1902, m. 1st May 10, 1866,



- Margaret Johnston, b. Jan. 7, 1843, d. Sept. 3, 1870 (1 child), m. 2nd Sept. 3, 1874, Edith McPherson (1 child).
- 5352321 Janet Corson, b. Sept. 10, 1868.
- 5352322 Alan Corson, b. July 13, 1876, m. Dec. 10, 1902, Lillian Corrinne Burton, b. Mar. 31, 1878.
- 53523221 Alan Corson, Jr., b. July 7, 1904, m. June 27, 1935, Carol Dengler Wilson.
- 53523222 Burton Francis Corson, b. Oct. 28, 1909, m. June 3, 1933, Margaret L. Dading.
- 535233 Margaret Corson, b. June 10, 1845, d. Dec. 13, 1848.
- 535234 Mary Corson, b. June 4, 1848, d. Apr. 30, 1930.
- 53524 Amos E. Corson, m. Mary Heydrick.
- 535241 Sarah T. Corson, m. James Van Court (no children).
- 53525 Mary Fabritius Corson, m. Charles Van Court.
- 535251 Benjamin Franklin Van Court, b. Sept. 18, 1838, d. Feb. 17, 1864.
- 535252 James Van Court, b. Apr. 1, 1840, m. 1880, 535241 Sarah T. Corson (no issue).
- 535253 Emma C. Van Court, b. Dec. 27, 1844, d. Mar., 1875.
- 535254 Howard Van Court, b. Nov. 10, 1848, m. Dec. 21, 1871, Sarah Rickert.
- 5352541 Frank Howard Van Court, b. Dec. 29, 1872.
- 5352542 William James Van Court, b. July 1, 1878.
- 5352543 Norman Van Court, b. July 29, 1880.
- 5352544 Helen Van Court, b. May 3, 1884.
- 5352545 Emma Van Court, b. Nov. 10, 1886.
- 535255 Horace Van Court, b. June 5, 1855, m. 1884, Annie E. Craft.
- 5352551 Lewis Van Court, b. Apr. 29, 1885.
- 5353 Wilhelmas Corson, m. Mary Jones.
- 53531 Samuel Corson, b. 1806, d. June 27, 1887.
- 53532 James Corson.
- 53533 Hannah Corson, b. 1824, d. Nov. 6, 1848.

5354 Richard Corson, m. —————, moved to  
Ohio (no record of his line).

5355 Alice Corson, m. ————— Vanburen.

5356 Mary Corson, m. Isaac Bennett.

53561 General John Bennett.

536 Maria Corsen, bp. Feb. 8, 1754, m. Enoch Marple.

5361 David Marple, m. Hannah Coulston.

53611 Samuel Marple, m. Mary White (children not  
listed).

53612 Elizabeth Marple, m. William Wills.

536121 Alan Wood Wills, m. Hannah Supple.

5361211 Frank A. Wills.

5361212 Katie Wills.

536122 Clarence W. Wills, m. Harriett Hogan.

5361221 Cordie Wills.

5361222 Marie Wills.

536123 William Wills, Jr., m. Sarah Roberts.

5361231 Susan Wills.

5361232 Elizabeth Wills.

5361233 Sarah Wills.

5361234 Annie Wills.

5361235 George Wills.

5361236 Jonathan Wills.

5361237 Louis Wills.

536124 Andrew W. Wills, m. Eleanor Willauer.

5361241 Van Lear Wills.

5361242 Wayne Wills.

5361243 Eleanor Wills.

536125 Louis E. Wills, m. —————, lived  
at Atlantic City, N. J.

536126 Annie G. Wills, m. William E. Cochrane.

5361261 William Cochrane.

5361262 Elizabeth Cochrane.

5362 Benjamin Marple, m. Elizabeth Tomkins.

53621 Ann Marple, d. unmarried.

53622 Mary Marple, m. Joseph Wolfe (1 son not  
listed).

53623 Agnes Marple, m. Daniel Mullen (children not  
listed).

53624 Enoch Marple, m. Jane Tomkins.

53625 Jonathan Marple, unmarried.

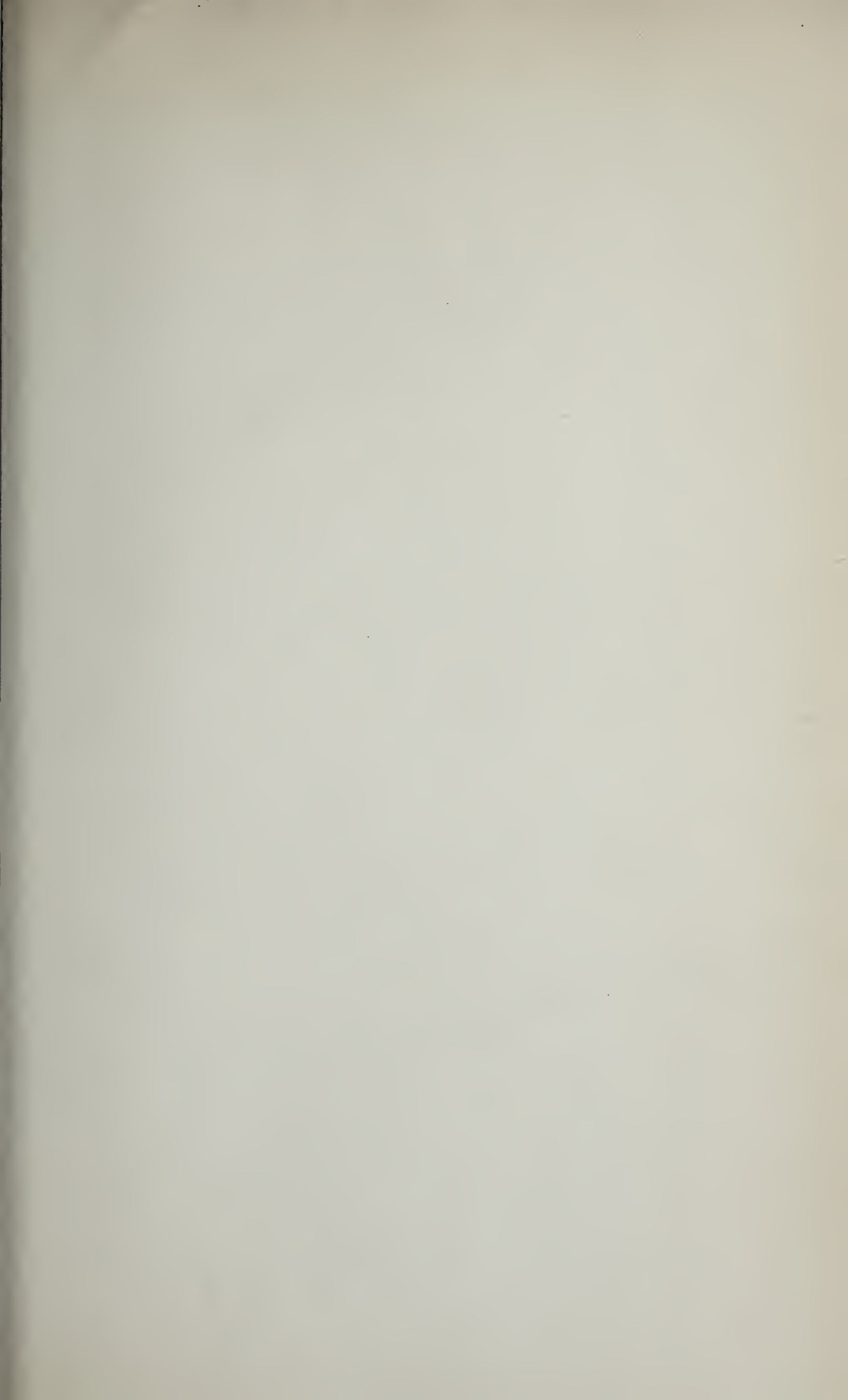
5363 Elizabeth Marple, m. Capt. Daniel Davis.

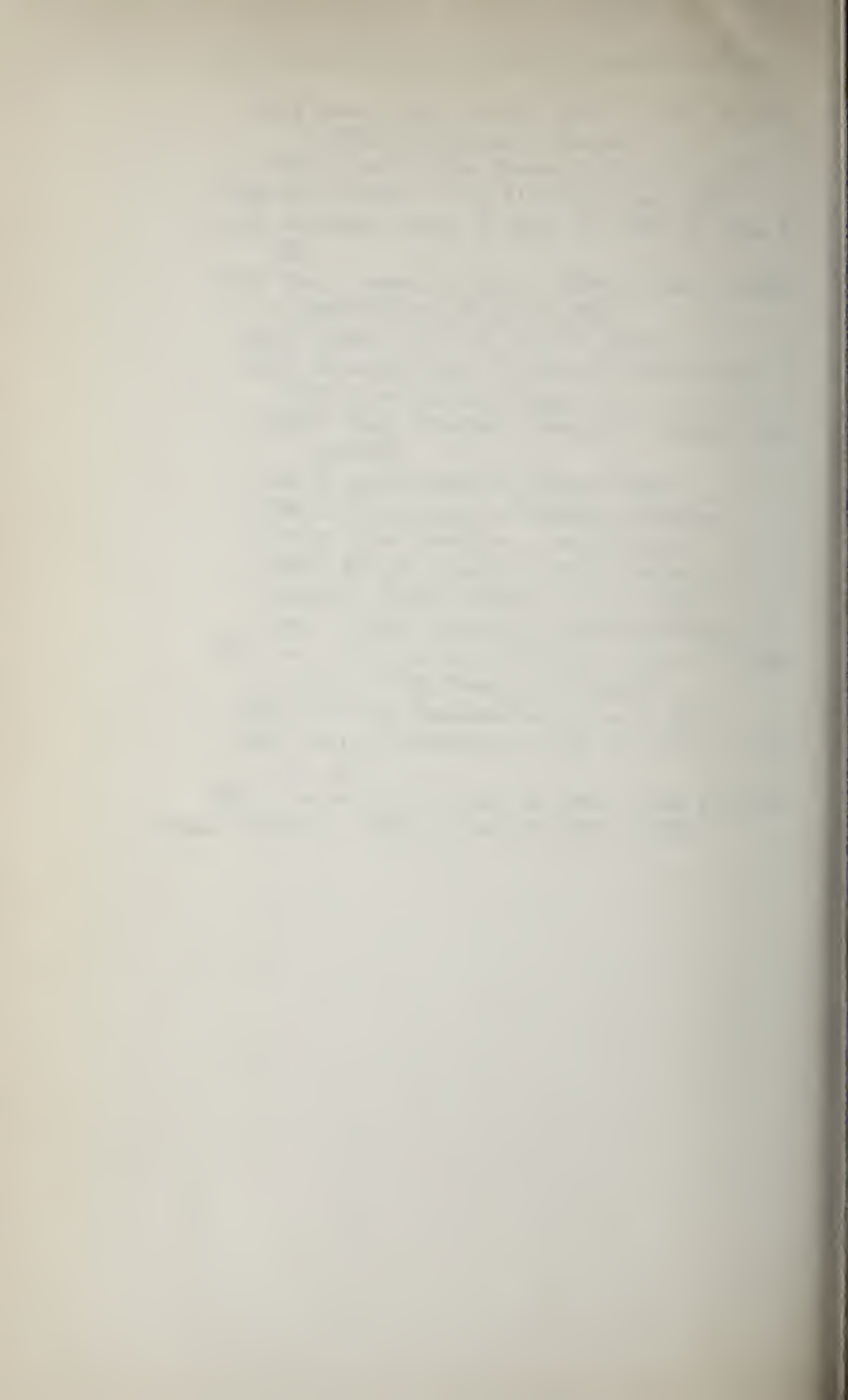


- 53631 William Davis, m. —————, moved to Harrisburg (children not listed).
- 53632 Maria Davis, m. John Vanartsdalen (children not listed).
- 53633 Ann Davis, m. Lawyer Sebring.
- 536331 Sarah Sebring, m. General John F. Hartranft, d. 1889, Governor Pennsylvania for 2 terms.
- 5363311 Linn Hartranft.
- 5363312 Marian Hartranft.
- 5363313 Annie Hartranft.
- 53634 Elizabeth Davis, m. Samuel McNair, moved west (children not listed).
- 53635 Marple Davis, lived in Norristown.
- 5364 Joseph Marple, d. 1856, m. Phoebe Lukens.
- 53641 Elizabeth Marple, m. Joseph Yerkes.
- 536411 Evan Yerkes.
- 536412 Hiram Yerkes.
- 5365 Isaac Marple, m. 1st —————, m. 2nd Mrs. Van Court.
- 5366 Enoch Marple, m. Sarah Hallman.
- 5367 Abraham Marple, m. 1st Elizabeth Marple, a cousin (1 son), m. 2nd Amy Marple.
- 53671 Elwood Marple, m. ————— Marple, a cousin (several children not listed).
- 537 Abraham Corsen, b. —————, m. Sept. 2, 1784, Maria Chadwick, moved to Frederick County, Va.
- 538 Johannes Corsen, b. Nov. 28, 1760, d. Feb. 8, 1823, m. Mar. 13, 1783, Charity Van Sant, b. Oct. 13, 1758, d. Feb. 23, 1823.
- 5381 James Corson, b. Mar. 13, 1784, d. Nov. 28, 1827, m. Feb. 11, 1809, Ann Addis, b. Sept. 2, 1782, d. Aug. 29, 1867.
- 53811 Thomas James Corson, b. Aug. 14, 1810, m. June 23, 1844, Margaret Y. Harman.
- 53812 Elizabeth Ann Corson, b. Nov. 17, 1813, m. Apr. 7, 1839, John H. Phillips.
- 538121 Josephine E. Phillips, b. Apr. 16, 1841, d. Mar. 4, 1862.
- 538122 Emily Virginia Phillips.
- 53813 John Pickering Corson, b. Mar. 2, 1818, d. Feb. 17, 1819.

- 53814 Sarah Jane Corson, b. Dec. 19, 1822, m. Mar. 16, 1850, Rev. Charles S. Downs.
- 538141 John Phillips Downs, b. Nov. 13, 1853.
- 5382 John Corson, b. Aug. 11, 1785, d. Jan., 1823.
- 5383 Benjamin Corson, b. Mar. 14, 1787, d. Sept. 4, 1824.
- 5384 Mary Corson, b. Oct. 15, 1789, d. Mar. 7, 1823, m. Charles Finney, d. June 8, 1820.
- 53841 Charity Finney, b. Aug. 17, 1811.
- 53842 Elizabeth Finney, b. Sept. 22, 1815, m. Jan. 7, 1834, Jacob Krusen Cornell.
- 538421 Mary Elizabeth Cornell, m. Charles Vanartsdalen.
- 538422 Jane Cornell, m. Thomas Beans.
- 538423 John Cornell, m. Margaret Stephens.
- 538424 Alice Cornell, m. Joseph Leshner.
- 538425 Krusen Cornell, m. Alice Woodruff.
- 538426 M. Harris Cornell, m. Mary Agen.
- 538427 Gilliam Cornell, m. Jennie Hogeland.
- 5385 Jane Corson, b. Sept. 14, 1791, d. June 17, 1816, m. June 14, 1810, Henry Vanartsdalen.
- 53851 Catherine Vanartsdalen, b. Apr. 1, 1811.
- 53852 Mary Vanartsdalen, b. Dec. 15, 1815, d. Aug. 10, 1816.
- 5386 Charity Corson, b. Mar. 30, 1801, d. July 13, 1801.
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